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Rotary carnival a thrill

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Sasha Bell went for a swing at the carnival hosted by the Minden Rotary Club last week. See page 19 for more photos.

Election reforms unsuccessful

› Councillors' quest to extend campaign sign period to inform cottagers shot down

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills's election sign bylaw will remain the same, despite a request from some members of council to have the period candidates can post campaign signs extended.

At a July 29 meeting, a motion came forward from Councillor Barb Reid, seconded by Councillor Rick Ratcliff, that the township's bylaw be amended so that that candidates in the fall municipal election could put up election signs starting Aug. 10.

Current regulations limit the time period during which candidates can post signs to 45 days before an election.

Reid said she thought an extended signage period would give seasonal residents a

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Chad Ingram Times staff

Three charged in drug bust

Three men have been charged with production of marijuana and possession of stolen property after police say they caught them at an outdoor grow op near White Boundary Road near Irondale July 28.

Police seized 900 marijuana plants and grow equipment that day and a crime enforcement bureau search warrant was used to enter a nearby cottage on White Boundary Road where "a quantity of cash, grow equipment, a motor vehicle and a stolen generator" were found, according to a Haliburton OPP report.

Charged is a 38-year-old man from Kirkfield, a 35-year-old from Cannington and a 42-year-old from Bobcaygeon.

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Two families finally meet in the book The Other Family
Bessie's Books and other things
Bessie Sullivan County Librarian
Having had aspirations of reading all ten titles on the Evergreen list, I must admit that I have stalled on the last two titles that are non-fiction.
It seems to be a real fiction summer for me. My last two reads have been dramatically different but equally entertaining.
The first one is called The Other Family by Joanna Trollope. The story begins when an aging recording artist
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Municipality 'been had' by developer, Reid says

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors are concerned about what is happening at the Threebrooks Estates development on South Lake.

At a meeting on July 29, councillors were asked by a planning consultant from Eco-Vue Consulting to hold a public hearing for amendment and zoning changes on the 12-home development that would designate Threebrooks as "waterfront special" area under the township's official plan and change its zoning from recreational commercial to shoreline residential.

Councillors were not impressed.

"I feel like we've been had," said Councillor Barb Reid. "I'm not happy about this at all."

Reid said the developer had made a mockery of the township's official plan.

The development's 12 homes are nearly complete and council had passed the current zoning under the impression the homes were to be purchased on a time-share, or fractional ownership, basis.

> **These people are really taking us for a ride**
>
> *— Jim McMahon*

Councillor Peter Oyler noted that the required shoreline frontage for shoreline residential properties under the municipality's regulations is 60 metres, and that frontages for the Threebrooks buildings hover around the 20-metre mark.

"That's one heck of a deficiency," Oyler said, indicating there was no way he would be supporting moving ahead with a public hearing and adding that he had concerns about the overdevelopment of South Lake.

"These people are really taking us for a ride," Reeve Jim McMahon agreed.

Councillor Bill Obee expressed concerns about what sort of water system the development was using and that if the buildings were being used as year-round residences, if the ministry of environment would end up charging the municipality with the responsibility of the water system, as it had done with Lutterworth Pines.

The township's chief building official, Ken Jones, told council, "it's very clear that [Threebrooks] is not intended for year-round use."

When the *Times* contacted David Hill, president of Ballantry Homes, the company behind the development, with questions the paper was redirected to a company sales manager.

While that employee said he was unable to answer questions regarding the requested official plan and zoning amendments, he did say that the homes were not being sold on a fractional ownership basis, but rather to single owners who were limited in the amount of consecutive weeks they could spend at the homes.

The *Times* left a message with questions on Hill's voicemail, but had not heard a response before press time.

Council directed staff to further investigate the matter.

Opera master class comes to Minden

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Valerie Kuinka says she's in a constant battle to eliminate the elitist stereotypes associated with opera.

Making opera more accessible is one of the reasons Kuinka and Richard Margison, who together run the Highlands Opera Studio, will be hosting opera master classes at the Minden United Church later this week.

The classes, which will feature students of the annual summer opera program being adjudicated by a professional, take place on the evenings of Aug. 6 and 7, as part of the Highlands Summer Festival.

This year, the adjudicator is Glasgow-born John Foster, who has worked for respected opera companies throughout Europe and served as director of music administration for New York's Metropolitan Opera from 1997 to 2006 before taking a position as the general director the Welsh National Opera.

Kuinka said having Foster as part of the program this year is "a real coup."

"This man is absolutely a cultural figure in North America and Europe," she said.

There are 18 participants in the program this year – up from the usual seven to 10 – so Kuinka said a handful and not all will be taking part in the master classes.

The Highlands Opera Studio is also putting on excerpt concerts, chamber operas and a four-night performance of *La Boheme* that will be the finale to this year's festival.

For information on the master classes, contact the festival office at 457-9933.

Running the Highland Yard

Contestants in the five-kilometre event at this year's Highland Yard burst out of the starting gate. The event - which began in 1971 and raises money to send underprivileged children to camp - includes 10- and five-kilometre races and a two-kilometre family walk.

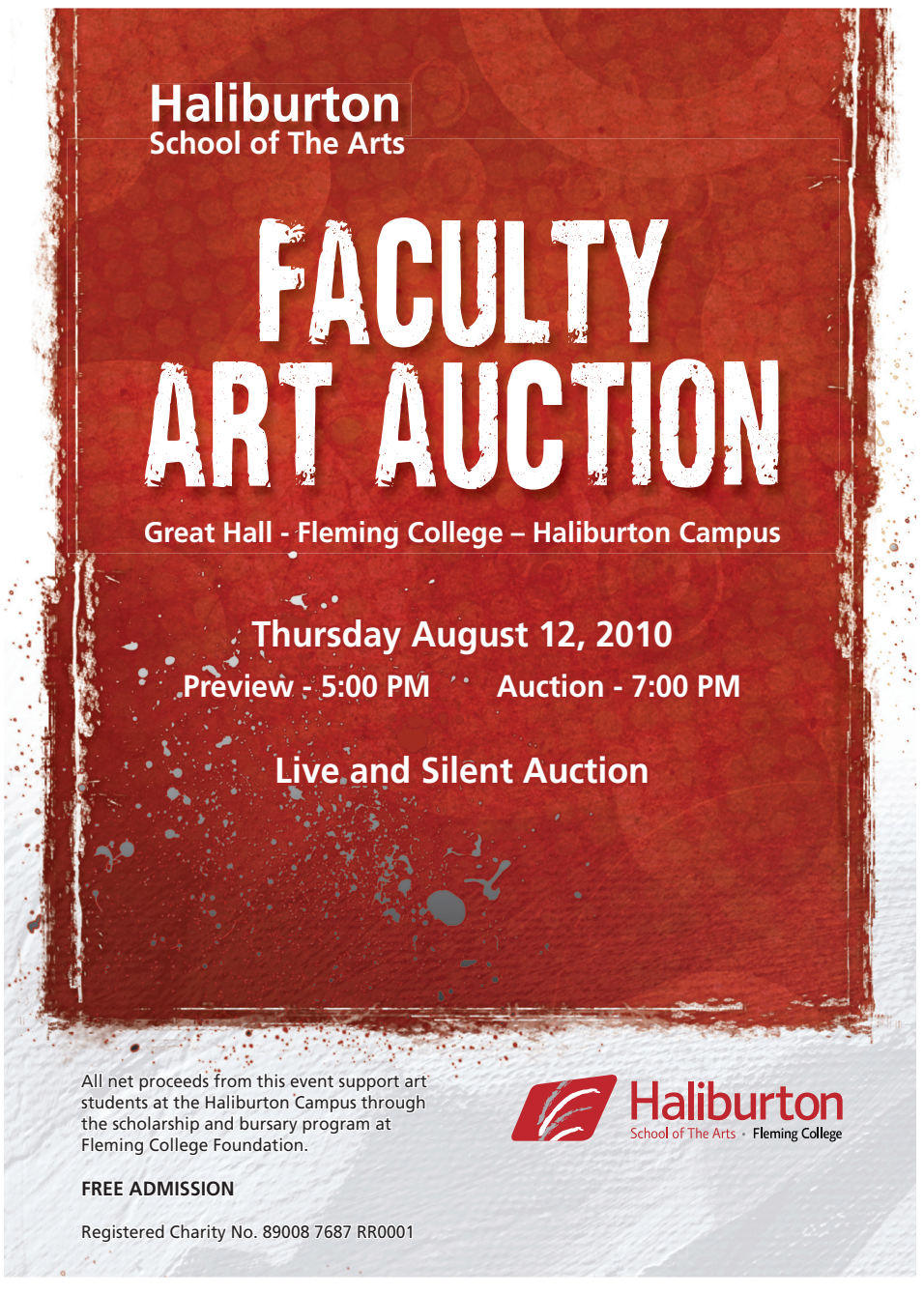
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Chad Ingram Times staff



Making way for moose

Some Boshkung Lake residents were stopping traffic on Highway 35 on Monday so that this moose could cross the busy highway. **Chad Ingram** Times staff



Algonquin Highlands proposes draft official plan

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In an ongoing review of the official plan, the township of Algonquin Highlands has prepared a draft plan that stipulates the construction of wet-slip boathouses be prohibited throughout the municipality.

A special meeting of council was held on July 29, with planning consultant Greg Corbett, to visit recommendations and revisions made to the official plan.

Originally approved in August 2005, the official plan must be reviewed every five years subject to the planning act.

Recommendations that were submitted during the plan's review period included the adoption of lake plans by either creating specific policies for each lake or by stating that consideration will be given to lake plans in making planning decisions.

A separate recommendation submitted by Bob Campbell on behalf of Kawagama Lake requested the township prohibit boathouses or, at a minimum, restrict to dry land boathouses.

Other submissions included the request to deem certain lakes at capacity for future development and to include restrictions on shoreline vegetation removal.

The current official plan includes specific requirements for shoreline development and vegetation, as well as stipulations regarding expansion permitted in settlement areas only under comprehensive review. Areas currently considered settlement areas include Carnarvon, Dorset, Halls Lake and Oxtongue Lake.

Corbett recommended council encourage the creation of official lake plans but cautioned against adopting them into the official plan.

"You may want to bring them in, however, they will limit you," said Corbett.

Corbett suggested that when official lake plans are adopted they be registered with the municipality.

"I agree with the register," said Councillor Carol Moffatt. "I don't know how you include them in the official plan without it being too far reaching."

"We will include wording in the official draft plan that regards lake plans," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Discussions ensued on the possibility of prohibiting the construction of boathouses throughout the township.

The municipality's current policy includes boathouses, which are not permitted in Stanhope or for residential purposes.

"I would say no boathouses, period," said Harrison in regards to Kawagama Lake's request.

"If you don't allow boathouses where are you supposed to put your boat?" asked Moffatt.

"Personally I'm not in favour of eliminating boathouses," said Councillor Diane Griffin. "We can control the size and limitations."

Some councillors suggested putting a ban on boathouses out to the public for feedback.

"Let's put in no wet-slip boathouses for the entire township into the draft plan and see what happens," said Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner.

Council agreed to include the stipulation into the draft plan.

A review of the official draft plan is set to take place at a scheduled public meeting on Aug. 28 at the Dorset Recreation Centre at 10 a.m.

Until then the review process is still open and the public is encouraged to continue to send in concerns or recommendations to the municipality.

A draft plan will be posted for the public to view on the municipality's website prior to the meeting on Aug. 28.

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New dates set for submission of taxes

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Regarding when the two installments of taxes are due, council has approved the dates of Sept. 17, 2010 and Nov. 5, 2010.

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Life lessons from exchange experience

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

In a world where everything is at your virtual fingertips Rotary still believes in giving youth actual experiences to learn about the world.

For more than 30 years the Haliburton Rotary Club has been offering the Rotary Youth Exchange Long-Term Program to students interested in a memorable life experience.

Seventeen-year-old Myia Newton of Lochlin will call the coastal city of Manta, population 180,000, her home for the next 12 months when she leaves from Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Aug. 21.

The exchange program participant is short on words, but cannot hide the excitement in her eyes (even behind the photochromatic lenses) about being the first student for the Rotary program to go to Ecuador.

Challenges for the teenager, who thought of applying due to the glowing comments from various inbound Rotary exchange students she met over the years, because this is her first real travelling experience and that this will be the longest period of time she has ever been away from family and friends.

"I've never been on a plane before so I have to do a connection flight and everything. It's kind of a big step," she said of her connection flight to Miami and then finally to Guayaquill, Ecuador. "I'm really excited for it. I think it will be a good experience. All the exchange students I've met who have come here loved it. I think that I'll have a really good time and learn a lot, especially because Ecuador is not as well off as [Canada] it'll be a completely different experience for me in that way as well."

Despite an initial acceptance to go to Belgium where she would have had an easier time with language since she has adequate knowledge of French, she is excited for the added challenge and expects to learn Spanish with some ease, as it is a similar language to French.

"It'll be difficult to be away from family and friends for a year, but with emails and Skype and stuff like that it'll be easier to keep in touch than it would have been 10 years ago."

Newton doesn't have any expectations and plans to use the experience towards a possible career in teaching whether that is here or abroad.

"If I could learn any other language I could use it for travel," she said, adding that many of the exchange students she spoke to in the past have consistently said how much their second language improved and how many friends from different parts of the world they met because of the experience, adding there is a potential for future travel partners.

From her research and correspondence with the host family in Ecuador she knows that Manta is a major seaport for the country and that there are two seasons: dry and wet.

She has learned she will be attending a private school and is excited about a full year without winter and is looking forward to taking up the local activity of surfing and assuming a passion for soccer like everyone else in Ecuador.

Newton will be leaving one 15-year-old sister and will be inheriting a 15-year-old brother, who will be in the lead role, taking her around Manta as her guide.

While on the trip though she wants to visit the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon and the Andes mountains where she expects to stay through a contact of the host family.

Limited to only two travel bags she knows it will be difficult to pack for the 12-month trip.

Since women are much shorter on average than her, she said, she would be shopping for summer clothing to ensure she has clothes that fit her 5'11" frame.

Although she hasn't started to pack she knows enough to set aside space for a camera, lots of memory sticks, Canadian pins and buttons, a netbook and has definite plans to take thousands of photos.

A lover of history, language and writing she will be regularly posting her experiences on her blog: http://metta-myia.blogspot.com.

Former exchange participant Lorry Brandon, who was the Minden Rotary Club representative back in 1979, cannot imagine her life without the exchange.

She went to Gembloux, Belgium as a shy girl and returned with a new found confidence and a passion for language and world issues that she parlayed into becoming a French teacher at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

Brandon has recently been a host to a visiting student from Brazil for the program, which she has been able to help deal with the conflicting issues of the last few weeks that include a yearning to return home and desire to stay in the newly adopted country.

"The long-term effects are not only felt a year after you get home, but many years later," she said, adding she continues to have conversations about her experience now.

Rotary past-president and the chair for the youth exchange program Maureen O'Hara said this experience is amazing and gives participants a great opportunity to not only learn about new cultures, languages and customs, but themselves.

"It's so much more educational than school in terms of those other skills you learn that you keep forever. Those interpersonal skills, the communication skills, the problem solving, the budgeting," she said.

O'Hara said generally youth live in the moment, but the process they endure in this program forces them to plan out an entire two-year period that includes budgeting and managing time.

"If every kid in the world could go on a one-year exchange to another country there wouldn't be any more wars in the world. Everybody is the same. We're all just people," she said.

Rotary picks students who are excited to try new things and willing to cope with whatever challenges occur during a 12-month period.

Students must submit their completed applications (asking about personal information, a letter for the host family, family photos, guarantees by guardians or parents, medical history and examination, dental records, school reports and references).

For more information check the Rotary website: www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=201.



Darren Lum Times staff

Myia Newton, 17, is embarking on a trip of a lifetime through the Rotary Youth Long-Term Exchange program. Newton will leave for Manta, Ecuador where she will live with a host family for one year on Aug. 21.

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points of view

our editorial

Everyone should play by the rules

OFFICIAL PLANS are important documents.

Sure, municipal planning may not be the most interesting subject to a lot of us, but official plans are integral to any municipality.

They are the constitutions of the planning world; the core documents that govern development and land use within any given region.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

For Haliburton County and its four townships, their official plans, I often focus on the maintenance of the county's natural aesthetics and the health of the area's many lakes.

Some of the larger and more popular lakes are already "at capacity" according to the environment ministry, meaning that any more human development is not recommended for danger that it could have serious environmental impacts.

Municipalities are mandated by the province to continually update their official plans so they stay relevant and this process often involves in-depth public consultation processes.

This is because official plans, and I believe I said this already, are important.

They protect the land. They protect the lakes.

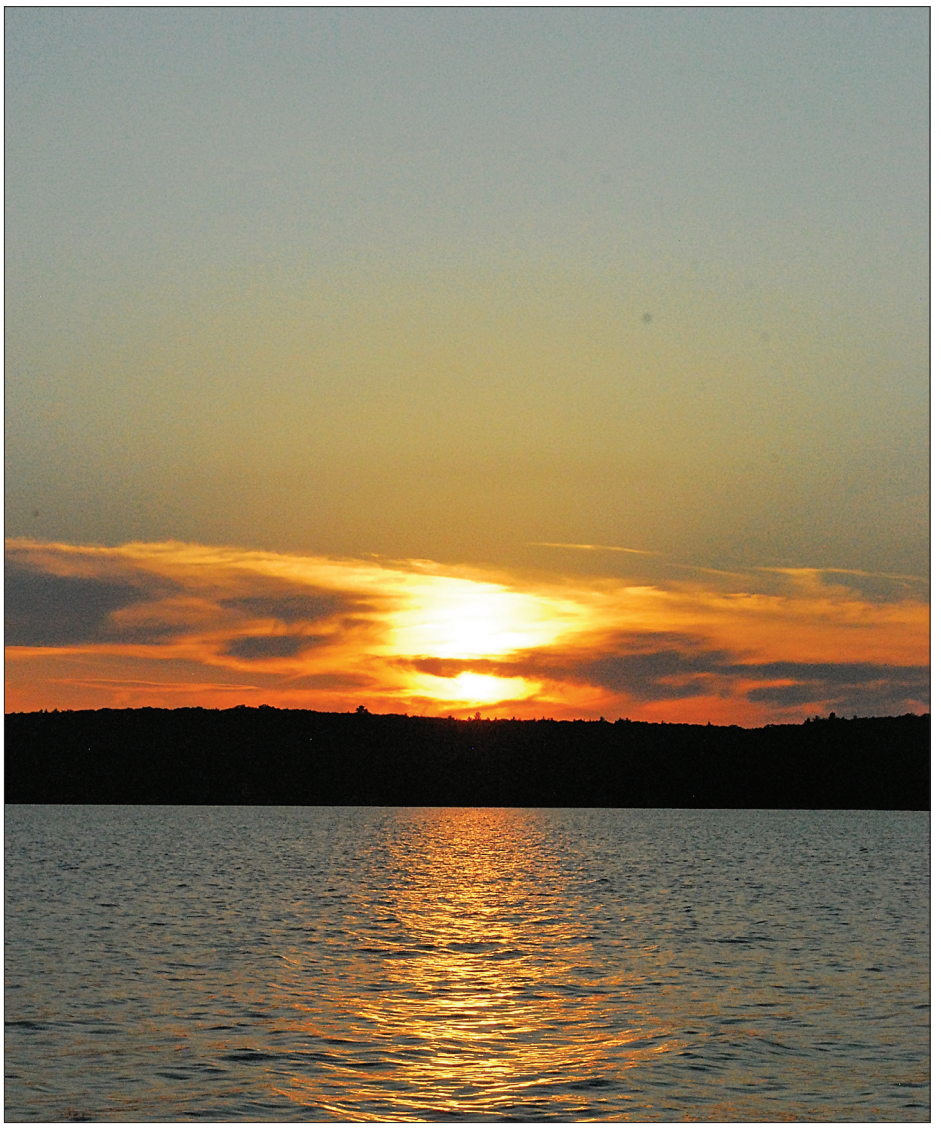
They should be respected at all times, seen not as a series of malleable regulations that can be twisted or simply ignored to suit one's needs, but as the law of the land.

Yes, there are instances where official plan amendments are granted and sometimes these exemptions are validated.

For example, structures that are in existence when changes to the official plan are made are usually grandfathered and allowed to remain as they are.

Most of the old boathouses throughout the county are examples of this sort of legitimate exception.

However, anyone who comes in knowing the rules of the game and then tries to change those rules, well, that's a different situation entirely.



Sunset over Halls Lake **Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

letter to the editor

Minden lawyer lends expertise to those arrested at G20

To the Editor,

I call the Minden post office "Mecca," because if you wait long enough, sooner or later you'll meet everybody there who lives in town. Walking down from the bank towards the post office, I could see John from a distance on account of his splashy shirt and signature peak hat.

We banter a lot, so I right away accused him of looking like a stranded snow-bird, and he in turn upbraided me for not sporting a Green Party button. Since John doesn't have wheels, I asked him if he wanted a lift somewhere. Turned out, he needed a washer for his garden hose.

While driving to Home Hardware, our conversation turned to the G20 police riot in Toronto. A paralegal by profession, John said that he was offering his services pro bono to those who had been arrested on summary charges.

This surprised me, for John has a fearsome reputation as a right-wing extremist with monarchical yearnings. But he was quite serious. What the authorities had done in violation of our basic human rights smacked of police state tactics. They needed to be resisted by patriotic Canadians, one and all.

"In fact," John said, "this is one issue where right and left can join forces."

His point was well taken. So I offered to drive John to Toronto for his day in court.

Right on, John!

Doug Smith
Carnarvon

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points of view

My old van

AS I WRITE THIS, I'm more than a bit anxious. You see, right now, my old van is under the knife, getting a few electrical issues worked out.

It's hardly worth mentioning really – just your everyday car repairs. I mean, the front electric window on the driver's side closes, but generally over the course of two to three days, and only if you speak nicely to it. The passenger-side window no longer opens or closes, although for a while it was opening and closing of its own free will, generally opening in inclement weather and closing when someone had gas. Meanwhile, the Dutch doors at the back have gone on some sort of permanent vacation and the speaker in the rear emanates this static that, while funny over the course of five minutes, is enough to cause permanent insanity to those unused to it. Most of my passengers are unused to it, by the way.

When all is said and done, however, these are minor issues – after all there are a lot of insane drivers out on our roads. Hey, the vehicle operates perfectly other than that.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Still, more than one person I know has suggested that my vehicle should be retired (or shot) and one particularly hurtful comment suggested that it is "the world's worst van." Apparently, they never saw my last one.

The thing is I'm not sure that these people, with their ridiculously high standards of window operation, understand the bond that I have with that vehicle. I used to think it was the same sort of relationship that the Lone Ranger had with his horse Silver, but now I know that this doesn't quite describe it – if Silver had made the strange noises my van makes, the Lone Ranger would have shot it and got a new horse.

No, it seems to me that my van and I share the same sort of understanding and partnership that Hans Solo and the Millennium Falcon of *Star Wars* fame enjoy. It might not be the most cooperative vehicle in the world, but it has always been there when I needed it. Sure, there are times when I thought I needed it, when it was not there. But in the end, the walk was good for me. Trailering the boat, on the other hand, was a bit hard on my shoulders.

I guess we shouldn't expect much more out of a dumb, mostly inanimate object either. After all, a lot of miles and rough roads have passed beneath that beat up old frame. And, you know, the same can probably be said about the van.

I have never publicly said this, but since I'm getting nostalgic, I think now is also as good a time as any to mention that my van has gone by the name Stan for quite a while. This is in keeping with one of my tenets that says a vehicle's name should rhyme with its type. And this, more than anything, is why I don't own a truck.

Anyhow, here I wait for the call from my mechanic about the windows, non-functioning door and all the rest. I asked for it to be completed, but only on a limited budget. He said that's possible – but only if it's an open and shut case.

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Nature's slow retreat

ON THE DOME of a hill that crowns a long-abandoned farmstead across the road from Sapsucker Ridge, dragonflies hunt prey too small for the human eye.

They swoop and swirl barely knee-high to The Brown Dog Jiggs, hovering over patches of blackberries that hide seed-speckled bear stools as thick as my wrist.

Thirty years ago and more, when I first walked these old fields, this dome wore a skin of soil so thin that it seemed as though it would never grow anything but pussytoes and lichens. Nothing was knee-high; footfalls sounded hollow.

Now brambles climb inexorably up the slope, the front ranks too tentative to produce berries, shrubs and small trees finding deeper soil pockets in the rear.

It is a fine place to be in these high days of summer, looking across a valley deep in soil washed down from this dome to the ranges of hills to the south and west of us.

Once upon a time, a lifetime ago, it must have been a fine place to stand at the end of a harvest season when rich humus left by tens of centuries of forest decay nursed hopeful crops.

To a small boy growing up then, it must have seemed as though life there was as it always would be, that the world in which he lived would remain forever as it was then.

In 1980, it seemed to me that the barren dome was as it would never change, and now, in 2010, the lichens are making their last stand. Human lifetimes ahead of us, trees will grow on what once was desolate.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Part of the joy of living in Haliburton County is watching nature change for the better. Even as we pave and grade and excavate to tame our waterfronts, new forests wipe the slate clean of human ambition on tens of thousands of acres of old farmland.

Though not all of our news is good, we seem to live in a rare pocket of hope while elsewhere nature's disorderly retreat seems to escalate into a rout. Vacant lots fill in, suburbs sprawl and good farmland grows wind turbines.

Some of us mount, or more often talk about mounting, rearguard actions to stem the tide of change. But we are human, with memories trimmed to fit a human lifespan, and so we yearn as much for a remembered past as for a return to nature.

There must be Haliburton oldtimers with fond memories of the old farms, saddened now to see green forests wash over fields once golden with ripening grain.

This is the trick human memory plays on us. We remember days frozen in green, but the natural world of the halcyon days of our youth was but a pale imitation of what came before.

Our grandfathers recalled a world less tamed, and their grandfathers before them and so on, back into time before memory. They beat back nature with axe and spade and their sons mourned their triumphs, even as we do now.

Technology speeds up the process, but nature always has been in retreat. Forests fall and species disappear and there is no memory longer than a human lifetime to retrieve the past.

Art, as much as history, reports what came before us but only the life we live seems real and so the depth of the planet's losses is beyond comprehension.

To a Newfoundland boy born in, say, 2000, stories of the cod fishery will seem like tall tales. A Tory Hill girl might not miss the song of the whip-poor-will, but her grandmother does.

Bobolinks and great flocks of turkeys will be fixed as permanent in a Haliburton child's memory, though the bobolinks may soon depart and the turkeys have only just arrived.

The Brown Dog Jiggs lives only in the present, or so we believe, but our brief span looks not much longer than a dog's present in the broad frame of human history.

Passenger pigeons. Green turtles. Species marched north or into oblivion by climate change. Incidents masquerading as history, loss unremembered, retreats in baby steps.

Change sneaks past us.

Neil and Jiggs will be at That Place In Carnarvon on Friday between 12:30 and 3 p.m. to sign copies of Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, a collection of Neil's columns.*

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Email your letter to the editor to: editor@mindentimes.ca, by Monday at 5 p.m.

Stanhope Triathlon is an ideal start to sport

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sitting at the kitchen counter, Joleen Thomas, who was still wet from her mile-long morning swim across Twelve Mile Lake, beamed with excitement about her participation in the upcoming 13th annual Stanhope Triathlon scheduled for Aug. 21.

The mother of three, who only gave birth to her son Tristan three months ago, said this event gives her the focus to get active and to stay social.

"It's a huge motivator to do these things," she said. "It's fun and you always meet new people and it seems like my time is so valuable right now."

She adds this is far more rewarding for her than meeting for coffee and laughs, saying her husband Stuart Humphries thinks it's her "knitting circle on the water."

Although she has been swimming for a few weeks now with her yellow Labrador Lucy, she has not been running, notwithstanding a few walks.

However she isn't too concerned as her focus is on just finishing the event and to be an example for her children, who will be watching and cheering her on, shouting, "Go big momma."

"The atmosphere is so family oriented. It's geared towards family and it's geared towards kids," she said, adding her children, who are four, two and three months, may participate with her in the future.

This is her fourth time participating (which occurred pregnant or post-pregnancy she points out) in the Stanhope Firefighters Association fundraising event that has turned her on to the sport that challenges her the most during the transitions between the disciplines of swimming, biking and running.

Organizers are still in need of volunteers and sponsors. They are also, as in the past, readily accepting donations for consumables, monetary gifts, gift certificates and apparel.

Event organizer George Sharp said this event continues to be an inclusive event for everybody as it started more than a dozen years ago.

"It's nice to get the families out or a group of friends out to experience these things together," he said. "I think it is important to create a whole new mindset, leaning towards a triathlon rather than a motorcycle race ... physical activity it helps overall."

With an emphasis on participation, the event will be awarding all participants under 16 with prizes courtesy of donations from the community.

Thomas will compete with her high school friend from North Bay in the Get Your Feet Wet (375 m swim, 10 km bike, 2.5 km run) category, adding she just isn't ready for the Sprint (750 m swim, 20 km bike, 5 km run) distance.

There is also a third option: the Kid-Sized Triathlon (100 m swim, 3 km bike, 1 km run).

In addition to these individual pursuits is the team relay option for the Get Your Feet Wet distance, which also gives individuals the choice of picking one of the three disciplines.

The triathlon has grown from a little more than 50 participants that ranged in ages from five to 65-years-old to more than 250 participants that came from all over Canada.

The online registration (www.onlineregistrations.ca/stanhopetri/index.php) fee is $50 for adults while children 12 and under is $30 and the deadline is Thursday, Aug. 19. The race day registration is an additional $10.

The association relies on this and the Stanhope Firefighters Association ATV Poker Ride held Sept. 25 as their major fundraisers.

For more information and for volunteer possibilities phone Sharp at 754-9030 or email stanhopefirefightersassociation@hotmail.com.



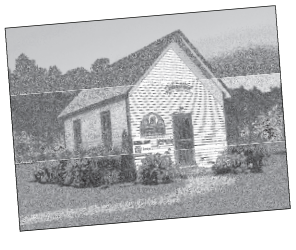
Darren Lum Times staff

Carnarvon resident Joleen Thomas, who is a mother of three, sits with her yellow Labrador and training partner Lucy on her veranda, excited for her upcoming participation in the 13th annual Stanhope Triathlon on Saturday, Aug. 21.

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Fearrey to represent county on new board to ensure water quality

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey will be Haliburton County's representative on a board designed to look at the possibility of the creation of what is being called the International Centre of Excellence for Water Quality.

City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee and one of his senior staffers visited county council during its July 28 meeting to pitch the idea.

McGee said recent capacity issues at an Omemee wastewater treatment facility got the government in the City of Kawartha Lakes thinking seriously about water quality. He and others from his municipality, representatives from Peterborough County, MPP Rick Johnson, MP Barry Devolin and Dr. Brent Wootton of Fleming College's Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment had gotten together about four months ago to discuss the creation of an organization designed to oversee water quality and ensure the recreational and commercial value of water bodies is protected.

"The possibilities are limitless," McGee told councillors.

Lance Sherk, director of economic development for the City of Kawartha Lakes, said there, as is Haliburton, water quality is directly related to economic livelihood.

"For us, part of our economy is based on surface water in the north," said Sherk, who identified himself as a Haliburton cottager.

Also, "given that this is the headwaters of the TSW, it makes tremendous sense for us to have Haliburton involved in this," he said.

McGee stressed that they were not looking for money, but rather just a political representative from the county to take part in discussions.

Fearrey said he was leery that the effort wouldn't at some point cost the county money, and told McGee that he was concerned Haliburton County had been included on a letter he sent to the province without the county's consent.

In the end, it was Fearrey who volunteered to be the county's representative.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Vote by Mail will be the method of voting for the upcoming Municipal Election, October 25th, 2010.

Voter kits will be mailed out to eligible voters on September 28th, 2010.

The Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden, will be open on the Thanksgiving weekend, for election purposes only, Saturday, October 9th, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for eligible voters to:

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Voters are encouraged to drop off their completed ballot to the Ballot Return Station, 2nd floor, 7 Milne Street or to utilize the locked drop off box at the municipal office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:
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QUOTES FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
Friday, December 3rd, 2010

Quotes, on the forms supplied, will be received in sealed envelopes clearly marked "QUOTES - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER", at the Township of Minden Hills, Municipal Administration Office, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden Ontario, K0M 2K0 until:

Friday, September 17, 2010 @ 12:00 noon

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If further information is required, please contact Ms. Laura Cunliffe, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk, at (705) 286-1260 ext. 215.

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Meetings and Events

Fridays in August
(7:00 p.m.) Music by the Gull

Tuesdays and Thursdays:
Zumba – Minden Community Centre

August 4th
Art in the Village - Cultural Centre

August 6th & 7th
Annual Flower Show Minden Arena

August 10th – 6:00 p.m.
Classic Car Show'n Shine – downtown Minden (Bobcaygeon Road – ROAD CLOSURE (CIBC to Water Street) – with access to bridge/hospital/ etc. "Tooney" to enter your classic vehicle; "goodie bags" for first 30 vehicles.

August 11/12, 18/19 (evenings) and August 15th (matinee)
Golden Slipper – play at Cultural Centre – Parkside St. ROAD CLOSURE Cultural Centre 286 2808

August 14th
Minden 150 Bike Tour

August 20th & 21st
County Fair, Minden Fairgrounds

August 26th
Council

MINDEN HILLS
Cultural Centre

Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition
July 27 - September 11, 2010 7pm in the common room
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d. August 20, 27: Minden Fringe Theatre
e. August 28: Jake Wilkinson Quartet
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ROAD CLOSURES

Parkside Avenue will be closed as follows: Aug 11, 12, 18, 19 6pm - 9 pm and Aug 15, 1-4 pm road closure For the Golden Slipper Outdoor Theatre at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. In the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, to consider a by-law to amend the preamble to the tariff of fees & charges by-law for the various schedules. There are no changes proposed for any fees for services or programs.

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Enduros get final 'no' on Rail Trail

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's final. Enduro bikes will not be permitted on the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

And any correspondence or requests submitted to the county concerning the issue in the future will be automatically tabled, unless county council indicates otherwise.

This was the decision made with regards to the controversial issue of allowing the off-road motorcycles onto the Rail Trail at a July 28 county council meeting.

Councillors, in deadlock, also voted to keep the vehicles off the trail at a special meeting on July 7 where they heard input from the public.

However, at that meeting, Ken Hoeverman, county resident and president of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, revealed that a motion to enter into an agreement with the federation to allow Enduros on the trail had been supported at an April 22, 2009 county council meeting, but never came into fruition.

At that meeting, county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson informed Hoeverman that while the motion had been passed, it was subject to a user agreement that was never drawn up or signed.

It was this motion that was to be revisited last week, but was tossed out in another deadlock vote.

As was the case at the July 7 meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch voted in favour of allowing Enduro bikes a shot to prove themselves on the Rail Trail while Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Highlands East Reeve and county Warden Dave Burton voted in opposition.

At the July 7 meeting, Fearrey had requested a weighted vote on the issue since the Rail Trail runs through only Dysart et al and Minden Hills townships. It was Fearrey's opinion that it was unfair for councillors whose townships are not directly impacted by the Rail Trail to have equal say on the matter.

This suggestion had been balked at by some of his colleagues, particularly Harrison, who had called the request "ridiculous."

At last week's meeting, Fearrey revealed that he had sought a legal opinion on the matter and that since the matter being discussed pertained to contracts and had possible financial implications, the lawyer he'd contacted supported his request for a weighted vote.

Fearrey noted that combined, Dysart et al and Minden Hills account for approximately 65 cents of every dollar the county brings in through taxation.

His colleagues were still opposed to the idea of a weighted vote, with Harrison noting that in her long political career, weighted votes had never been used and suggesting that if one was used in this situation, it would be used again in the future.

"It won't be the same county council I've enjoyed working with," she said.

Since most decisions made by county council involve contracts in some way, Harrison said weighted votes could be requested almost any time and that the county might as well be run by its two most populated townships.

"Minden and Haliburton will actually be running the Rail Trail," she said, suggesting that if that were the case, perhaps the county should sell it to the two townships.

Gardner said the idea of vote left a bad taste in his mouth and suggested that since Fearrey had gotten one, the county should get a legal opinion of its own on the matter.

Murdoch too said the idea of a weighted vote made her uncomfortable and noted that it was obvious the issue was going to die in deadlock anyway.

Murdoch also said if the county had put more time, focus and money into the governance of the Rail Trail, council wouldn't have found itself in the predicament it found itself in last week.

"We've been spinning our wheels here," she said. "We should have made up our minds about [how] important the trail is to us."

Councillors agreed at the July 7 meeting that an official review of the Rail Trail master plan was long overdue, but decided at this point, it is logical to leave the matter to the new council that will be formed after the October municipal elections.

County sends out for proposals on new EMS base building

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county is getting closer to a new EMS base in Minden.

County EMS director Pat Kennedy gave county councillors an update on the project at their meeting last week.

The county purchased the old Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 earlier this year and will be building the new facility there.

Kennedy said last week that staff have put out a request for proposals for engineers to look after design, permits and approvals, environmental assessments and other services required for the project.

Kennedy also told councillors it was his recommendation to hold off on demolition of the old garage until construction on the new facility is approved and ready to go since this would reduce overall costs.

There could also be benefits to consolidating other municipal services, such as the township tourist information centre, on the property, Kennedy said.

The purchase price for the five-acre property was approximately $385,000.

Kennedy said moving the EMS base to Hwy. 35 from its current location in downtown Minden would decrease response times, particularly to the county's northern region, since the downtown location can be affected by traffic problems associated with Minden's three-way intersections and radio interference.



Haliburton Rocks!
Katherine Wheatley sings to a capacity crowd at the Wintergreen Pancake Barn in Minden Hills near Gelert on Wednesday, July 28. Wheatley, who is a geologist, was in the Highlands as part of the three-day Haliburton Rocks! event organized by Yours Outdoors.
Darren Lum Times staff



Fun day at Canning Lake

Relay races, like this one where contestants had to place bean bags under their chins while navigating obstacles, were a popular activity at the Canning Lake family fun day in Ingoldsby on July 31.

Chad Ingram Times staff



Emmalee Sterling takes part in a relay race. See more photos online at www.mindentimes.ca.





Dorset Arts and Crafts show

Above, the Dorset parkette was full of artisans and customers for the 15th annual Dorset Arts and Crafts Show on Aug. 1.

At left, Mike Dawson of Wood n' More products shows off one of his redneck windchimes.

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Black birds stir April Gates's memories

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

April Gates has a fascination with blackbirds, so much so that her business, Blackbird Pottery, is named for them.

The birds remind her of her rural upbringing in Southern Ontario.

"To me, it evokes memories," Gates says, adding that she also loves references to blackbirds in music and literature.

So, it's no surprise that many of her stoneware pottery works bear the image of a blackbird.

Many of those works are on display now at the Art Hive in an exhibit the artist has chosen to entitle Forage.

"For me, it's about foraging for inspiration," she says, seated at the Art Hive's coffee bar. "It's about exploring the ceramic surface."

Ceramics is something Gates fell in love with eight years ago.

She'd been studying in a non-pottery-related field at the University of Guelph when she took a summer course at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"I had no intention of being a potter," Gates says.



Forage, an exhibit by potter April Gates, is on at the Art Hive for the next two weeks. The show features a cross section of Gates's stone ware pottery, including many pieces adorned with her signature blackbird and new red berry motifs. **Chad Ingram** Times staff

However, after the 14-week course, Gates came to find she quite liked potting and the area.

"I completely fell in love with Haliburton and the medium and the community," she said.

So, she stayed, and for the past five years, has been working as a full-time artist.

It's pottery's functionality, the way it marries form with function, that attracts her to it.

She works both out of her home studio and from studio space she rents at the arts college campus, where she also teaches.

Imbued with creative spirit, Gates previously had done canvas painting and also sang lead vocals in a band.

Her painting now mostly occurs on her pottery and while she is no longer with the band, Gates still writes and sings her own songs, which she describes as sometimes melancholic and often about the elusiveness of love.

"That sometimes comes out in my pots as well as my music," she says, adding that she sometimes includes lyrics on her pottery.

Between teaching and the sale of her works, Gates has been working full-time as an artist for the past five years.

She said that passion, flexibility, adaptiveness and optimism are handy qualities for anyone vying to become a professional artist.

For more information on the exhibit and Gates's work, search Blackbird Pottery on Facebook or call her at 457-4619.

The Art Hive is located just east of Carnarvon on Highway 118 and is open seven days a week during August.

Forage runs until Aug. 12.

Haliburton School of The Arts

There is still space in....

Saturday, August 7

Art Marketing Through Social Media	with Kim McBrien
Beaded Applique Workshop	with Pamela Woodward
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Clown - Develop Your Persons	with Helen Donnelly
Colour - Beyond Theory	with Al Van Mil
Creative Cross Training	with Kal Honey
Expressive Arts - Means, Motive & Opportunity	with Bay Wilkinson
Figure Sculpture II	with Andrew Benyei
Habitat & Feet for Bird Carvers	with Bruce Lepper
Illustrative Drawing & Painting	with Marta Scythes
Indigo & Shibori	with Pamela Woodward
Interior Decorating	with Sandra Ellis
Kids' Arts & Crafts Sampler	with Kathy Cope
Kids' Musical Jam	with Charlie Kert
Machine Knitting for Beginners	with Carolyn Barnett
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Old truck
Bill Campbell of Kinmount sits in his 1936 International at the 28th annual Fenelon Falls Car, Truck and Bike Show on Saturday, July 31.

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This family, who chose a lumberjack theme for the boat decorating competition, were declared the winners by a panel of



This pontoon boat was decorated with a Vancouver Olympics theme and placed third in the boat decorating contest.

Kushlog Lake goes on a picnic

Residents and cottagers of Kushog Lake gathered at Pine Springs Resort on July 31 for the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association annual picnic. As usual, the boat-decorating competition was one of the highlights of the day.



This family placed second in the boat decorating contest with their beach party theme.



A paddle boat full of soccer fans trolls the shoreline.



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Crowds gathered along the paths and on the rocks at the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the weekend to watch some of Canada's best kayakers compete in the the national whitewater championships.

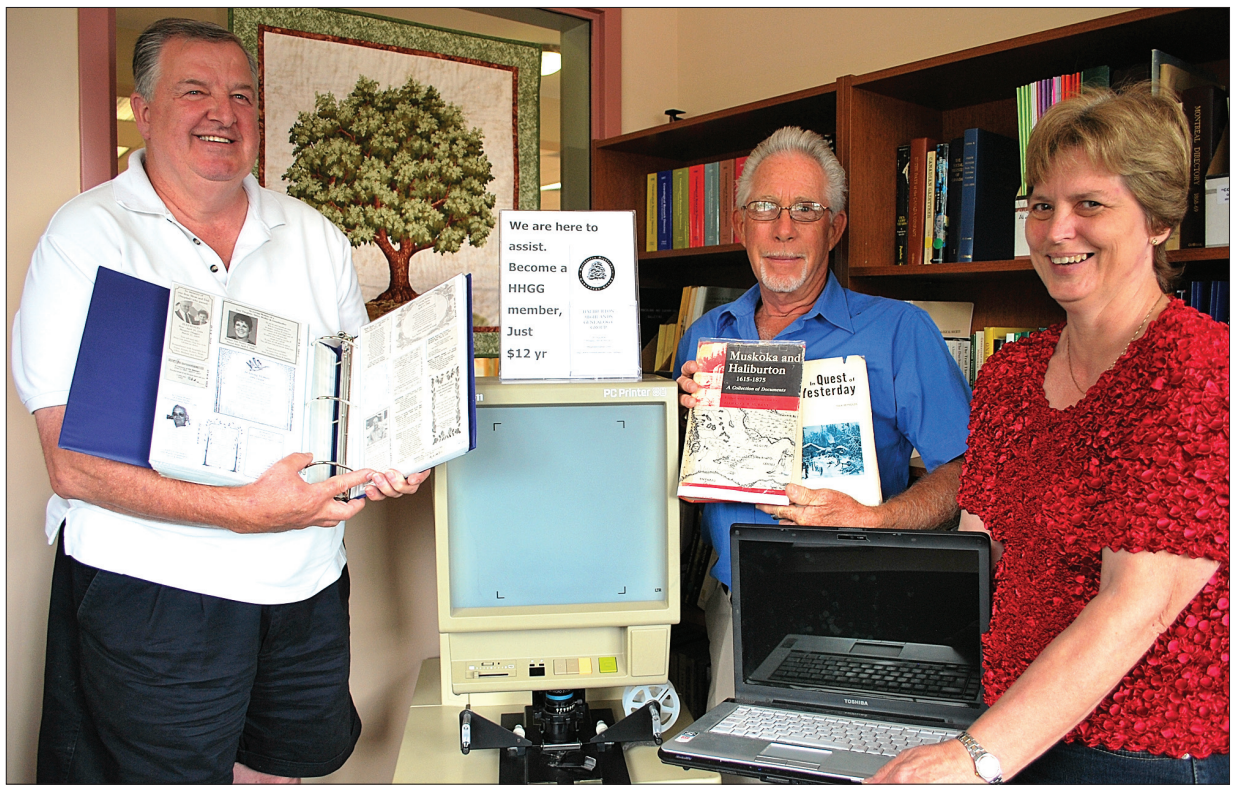




Kayaks race the whitewater

Some of the best whitewater kayakers from across the country battled the surging waters of the Minden Wild Water Preserve at the national whitewater championships on the weekend.

Library opens doors for genealogy group



Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group treasurer Robert Heeps, left, past-chairperson Bill Francis and chairperson Carol Simmons are delighted that the group has found a new home in the Minden Hills library.

Chad Ingram
Times staff

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group has found a new home in the Minden Hills library.

Members of the group were busy setting up resources in an office behind the check-out counter at the library last Thursday.

While the group, which has some 130 members, used the Sterling Bank building at the Minden Hills Museum as its home base for a number of years, chairperson Carol Simmons said because the museum is seasonal, there were sometimes access problems for members during the winter months.

"And this one has windows," she said excitedly from the bright room in the library.

Last week, the group had finished moving its resources into the new space, resources that include microfilms of Canadian census information pertinent to the county along with a microfilm reader, local family histories, books on the area's history and a listing of more than 500 genealogical sources.

The library has a subscription to ancestry.com, which library chief administrative officer Bessie Sullivan was careful to clarify, has access to more resources than ancestry.ca.

Genealogical societies and libraries often partner up, Sullivan said, and housing the local genealogical group just seemed to make sense for the library.

"This is not unprecedented," she said. "This is a natural partnership."

Members present last week agreed that researching one's family history is addictive once getting started, and all had traced their roots back as far as 18th-century Europe.

Group secretary Linda Heeps said that members tend to be older in age and the group is hoping to attract some younger members, especially since most would have access to at least two generations' worth of family information directly from their parents and grandparents.

"If you don't write it down, in two generations, it's gone," she said.

Members can use the new resource room any time during library hours and members of the public can use the room when monitored by a group member.

Simmons said most Thursdays there should be a member stationed there.

The group also hosts regular meetings with guest speakers throughout the year.

For more information on the genealogy group, visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onhhgg.

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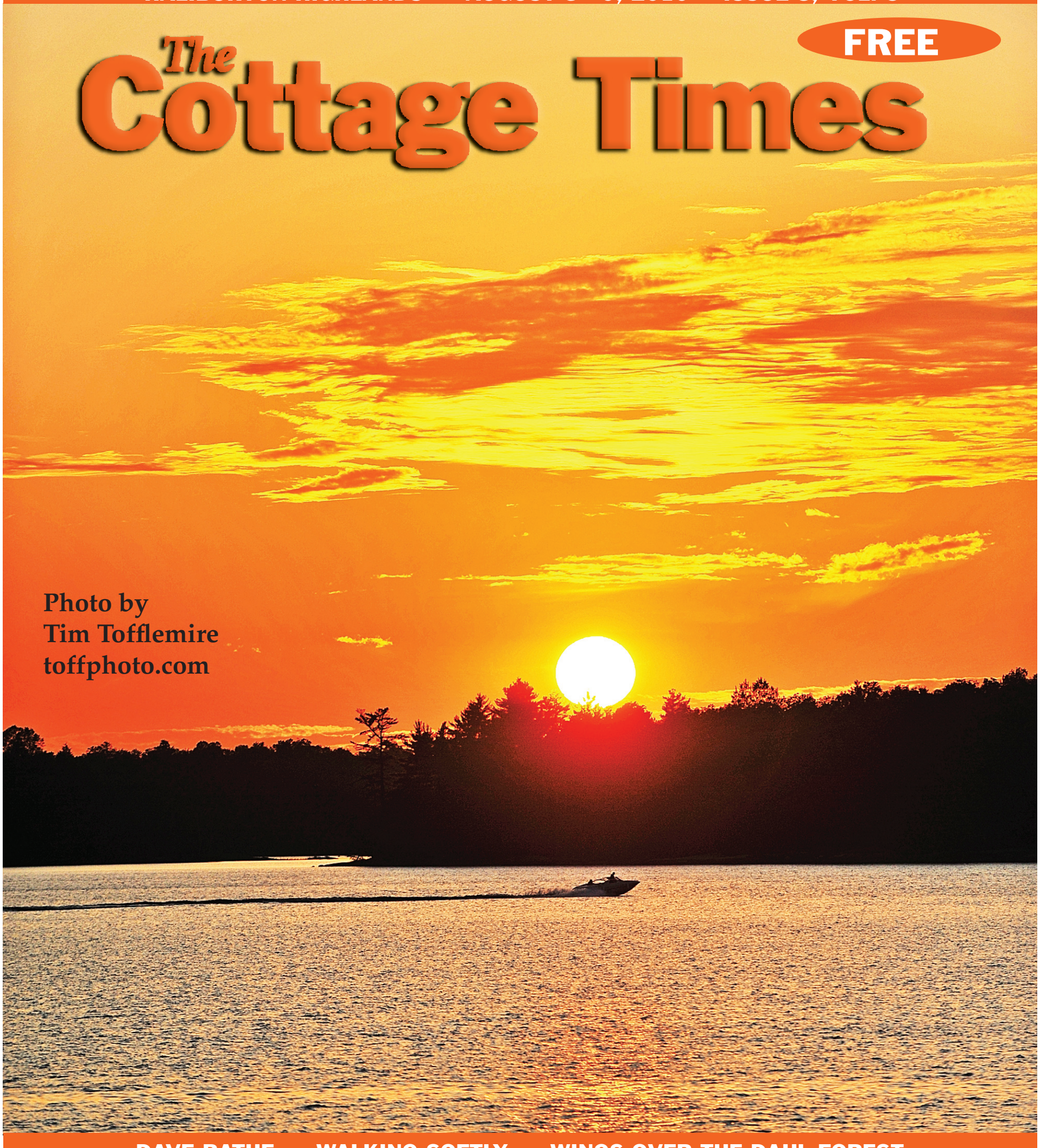


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DAVE BATHE • WALKING SOFTLY • WINGS OVER THE DAHL FOREST

What can buffer zones do for you?

If you know the answer to this question, you could win a beautiful work of art: an oak burl bowl by Guy Ouellet.

Question: What can buffer zones do for you? A buffer zone is an area that is planted with taller, native vegetation, to help protect/separate different ecosystems to help the environment. Can you list four ways that buffer zones and other naturalized areas help our environment?

We will pull a random name from amongst the correct answers at the end of the summer for the winner.

You can enter one answer per person per question. Please include your name and contact information along with the correct response for a chance to win. Answers must come in before the Monday following the *Cottage Times* print date.

Last week's question: How many eggs will a 10-pound walleye produce in one season?

Answer: A 10-pound walleye will produce 250,000 eggs in a season. Walleyes produce 25,000 eggs for every pound of body weight. See? Losing that big fish last year was actually a good thing.

Eco trivia courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, http://www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/haliburton/, The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, www.cohpoa.ca, and Environment Haliburton, www.environmenthaliburton.ca.

Steinkamp and Arts Council want you to Eat Your 'Art Out

Who says that things slow down in the Highlands when the summer season ends? With events like the Haliburton County Studio Tour, the breathtaking beauty of the fall colours and unique activities to experience, a season of divine splendor is upon us.

And this fall the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands – a not-for-profit organization – is teaming up with local restaurant owner, Maarten Steinkamp, on a new innovative project set to showcase the fabulous talents of local artists.

In October, five restaurants in the Haliburton area will be part of "Eat Your 'Art Out": Visual Arts Month in the Highlands.

What does this mean? Well, first, artists who are Arts Council members will be asked to submit work appropriate for one of the themes that will go with each establishment. Themes decided on include: Fall Flavours (Kosy Korner), Classic Haliburton (McKecks The Blue Line), Waterways (Rhubarb), Skylines (Applejack's and Upper Manhattan Grill) and Artfully Abundant (Aniz).

To promote the juried show, Steinkamp will be putting out handy colour publications throughout Haliburton County and beyond.

"I am very excited that our restaurants and our friends at the Kosy Korner can provide a platform for local artists to showcase their work and hopefully we can help to sell lots of pieces," said Steinkamp, who's allowing artists to keep all profits. "Please be assured no commissions are charged," he said.

As a former record executive with Sony BMG, Steinkamp is well aware that the work of artists greatly adds to the vibrancy of our everyday world, especially when placed in the right environments.

"Art and food are a powerful and beautiful combination. Two great pleasures of life coming together in a variety of locations," commented Steinkamp. "This is a clear example of combining strengths … it is yet another way to promote Haliburton."

Staff of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands are also as thrilled about the project, saying that it will help to increase exposure of member artists and encourage new artists and organizations to join.

"We are continually striving to serve our members and offer them tangible benefits," said marketing associate Mark Arike. "In addition to promoting our local artists, it's our job to draw more attention to the arts in general in the Highlands. This initiative will do exactly that, and we would like to thank Maarten for partnering with us."

In the past year the Arts Council has spearheaded several successful marketing projects, such as the 2010 events calendar and the arts directory and map. The organization also coordinates annual arts education programs and collaborates with other groups on a variety of projects.

Arts Council member artists who want more information can contact Mark Arike by email at markarike@gmail.com or phone at 705-457-8033. Submission details will be posted to www.haliburtonarts.on.ca.



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Maybelle's cure fer what ails you

Today listeners keep callin' me all in a twist. Seems Uranus got Mercury down fer the count and everybody's feelin' like Armaged-out-ta-here is about to dump on their life, the universe, and everything, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside stories



Sure, I tell 'em, there are crazy things going on in the world that kin set you to drinking Peptobismole, but we only got four corners here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean and there is no way this ol' gal is gonna let that ruin my day!

Cause every day is dear. And living here in cottage country just keeps me knowin' it and seein' it in the right circumspection, don'tcha know.

Like getting dirt under my fingernails. Yes DIRT!

Now some people might say ol' Maybelle needs a good washing and a visit to Ann-Marie's Curl, Cut and Toe Nail Painting Palace, don'tcha know.

But that dirt is my connection to clean living. It's my barometer that tells me how lucky I am to be planting my hands in the earth and growing things. Like big juicy beefsteak tomatoes, rhubarb, collard greens and beets red as rubies ... right in my own backyard.

Uranus and Mercury ... hogwash! How kin I do anything but smile when I look out my window and see deer prancing across my lawn. Or curling up in the sun. Or saying "Hi Maybelle!" in their own special kinda way.

Why every time we go eye to eye my heart turns to butter. Julia Child woulda loved me!

And then there are the geese.

Why just this morning I had to stop ol' Brewster, my truck, smack in the middle of the road and wait fer 26 geese to waddle to the other side. That's right. In New York it's parades that kin make you late to getting somewhere. Here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean, it's a parade of GEESE!

I also love watching Bogart (my bear) play with all the little critters. Why I've seen him hold a baby turtle so gentle-like in the palm of his paw, you'd think it was some famous diamond. Wish he was that careful with my ginger jar!

Now just in case Mercury retrospective is holding yer smile hostage, ol' Maybelle's got a cure fer what ails you.

First, you get some Kawartha Dairy ice cream ... vanilla or chocolate, or well, any one or two or three of those to-live-fer flavours. You throw on some raspberries or strawberries and a piece of chocolate truffle cake ... and you sit beside yer pet bear or cat or Chiweenie (saw one of those in Lost Angeleez, don'tcha know ... a mix of Chiwawa and Duckshound). And you taste every morsel like they're yer last. Mmm delish.

Next, you get into yer favourite furry slippers, you shuffle on over to the window and you look at the night sky. The stars, the moon. You don't judge it or think about the names of anything. You just lose yerself on purpose into the bigness of it all.

Then you sit back down in yer favourite chair and you breathe ... just breathe. And you close yer eyes and say ... thank you, thank you, thank you.

'Til next time, remember ... Life is just a bowl of cherries ... plus HST!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. You can hear Fireside Stories on 100.9 Canoe FM or at Maybelle's blog at: firesidestories.com.



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Geologist Dave Bathe is also an environmentalist

Interesting People



george farrell

At first glance being a geologist as well as an environmentalist would seem to be a contradiction. Not so with Dave Bathe. Although his job is to work with drillers seeking natural gas and oil, he also strives to keep his family's ecological footprint as small as possible.

Leanna and Dave Sr., Dave's mom and dad, moved to Gelert in 1969. Since that time Dave and his wife Cheryl have expanded the property considerably, as well as building a new home for themselves adjacent to the house that Dave Sr. still lives in. Leanna passed away a few years ago.

Dave Bathe graduated from the Carleton University in 1977 with a B.Sc in geology. The year before, while he was working a summer job as an assistant Geologist for Noranda Exploration he met Cheryl at a laundromat in Revelstoke, B.C. She came back with him to Ottawa where he finished his course; and in the summer of '77 they took off to Europe on a six month sojourn. On their return to Canada the couple was married.

Bathe quickly secured a position with Hudbay Coal. His job was to look for coal deposits in the Alberta foothills. In September of '79 he left the position in order to seek contract work in the oil industry with the Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company, out of Calgary. "I've been doing that job and other contract work, with mainly natural gas exploration companies ever since," says Bathe.

The Bathes lived in Calgary up until 1982, but the Highlands were pulling them back. "My family had holidayed up here since I was born," Bathe states. "I always thought that I'd live here. After Europe, we stayed for awhile on this property with mom and dad and Cheryl loved it, so it was always our goal to come back."

So for many years Bathe split his time between Alberta and the Highlands, while Cheryl raised daughter Eleanor and son Adam. Bathe spent "anywhere from 70 to 265 days each year away from home," but now that number is considerably less.

Bathe has always had a love of the land and he and Cheryl have both become strong advocates of local issues dealing with the environment. Bathe is a member of Environment Haliburton and is the organization's bookkeeper, but it's the management of his own land and the history behind it that is his main love.

The Bathes purchased some adjoining property in order to increase the amount of protected land under their ownership. "It's so hard to find solitude, and it's very important to me," Bathe says; but he likes to share the land with like-minded people. He's carved out a series of paths throughout the extensive woods, fields and wetlands. He's still working on a policy and reaching out to various interest groups, but people can contact him if they'd like to ski or hike the property. "However, there's definitely no motorized vehicles allowed," he warns.

In 1884, a Dominion Land Grant named George Dummitt as the original owner of the Bathes' property and Bathe is working on extensive historic documentation of the land. Also, "depending on what the kids later want to do, I'm conducting exploratory talks with the Land Trust," Bathe says.



Dave Bathe balances his career as a geologist and his desire for a clean earth on his farm in Gelert. /Photo by George Farrell

Another love of the Bathes is organic gardening. "We've always gardened since we've been here," he says "and I have more time now to devote to food production."

Bathe has invested in a low-tech, affordable greenhouse, which enables him to extend the growing season for such fruits and vegetables as melons, peppers, tomatoes, Chinese greens, carrots and radishes, among others. In May of this year the Bathes gave a season extending workshop that attracted 85 gardeners. Bathe plants late into the fall, and with the combination of his greenhouse micro climate and careful mulching, he can harvest some vegetables well in to the winter months. Outside the greenhouse the Bathes grow organic grapes, blueberries, garlic, broccoli, zucchinis and herbs. They're also cultivating a wonderful wildflower meadow close to the house.

Although Dave Bathe doesn't feel he has to justify his job he admits that "the consumption of fossil fuels is bad for the planet."

"But we do our best. We've cut our hydro from 20,000 kilowatt hours to 13,000 and all our vehicles are four cylinder. It's the way we want to live our life; we're conscientious consumers."



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Going for a walk and enjoying nature is sometimes all the medicine one needs.

The right medicine

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

If there's anything at all that will make a person feel better than time in the country, I'm really not sure what it is.

A few minutes in the milkweeds with the monarchs, a fleeting glimpse of a whitetail buck in velvet, or even the sound of a wood duck taking flight from a nearby pond are, in some ways, effective over-the-counter medications that do not have strange side effect or dispensing fees.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying that these things should replace medical advice or treatment. But it seems to me that, if more people went for walks like this more frequently, a lot of stress-related ailments might never manifest themselves. And I'm sure we'd all be better off for it.

Fifteen minutes sitting still at the side of a lake is simply good for the soul. The sound of water lapping against a rocky shoreline, as it settles to the beat of your heart, has a calming effect. The wondrous sight of a family of mallards swimming by cannot help but take your mind off of what ails you, provided you look hard enough and really see what's happening.

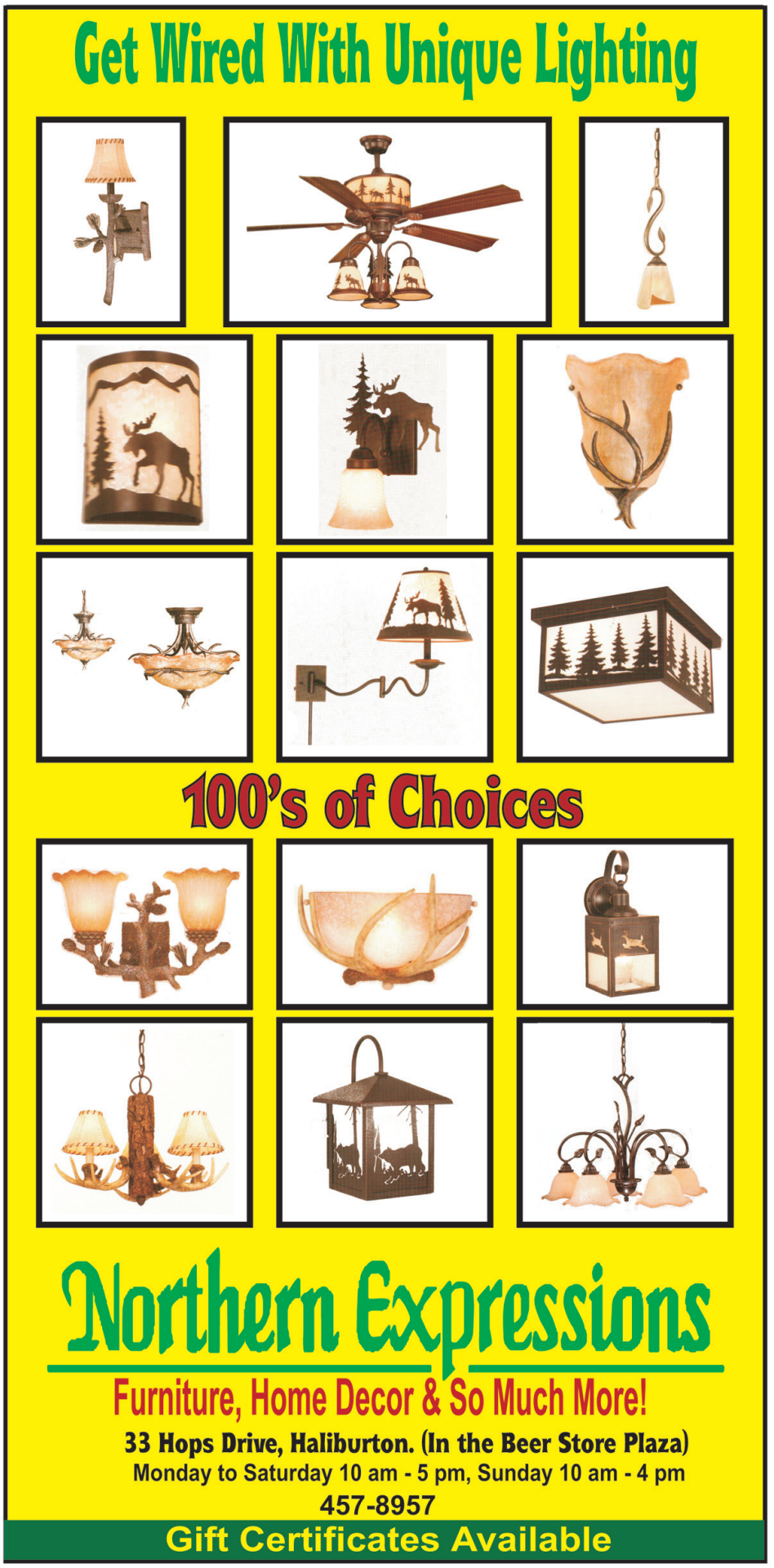
If this is the case, as I believe it is, then we are surely lucky to live in a place where the troubles of the world can be mitigated by the magnificence of the setting around us. Here, a little closer to nature, marvellous things such as the sight of an American Kestrel fluttering over a field or a heron sitting dead-still at the edge of a pond, can trump doubt and sorrow, if only for a moment or two. String those moments together over a lifetime, however, and you have something that's a real tonic to your well-being.

Just as a breeze blowing through the fields can refresh a tired body, watching the long grass sway and hiss can provide perspective and wash away all those thoughts that clutter and stress an over-taxed mind. This, in my mind at least, is the unspoken and restorative value of nature.

But like all cures, it must be taken correctly. The trick, I suppose, is not to rush the treatment. It is important to slow down to the kind of pace that you might utilize in great art galleries or in a museum whose artifacts greatly interest you. If you do this, while breathing in the fresh air and listening to the bird songs, it is not very difficult to feel better.

Though some believe this to be a spiritual thing, I think it has more to do with time away from our cluttered lives. Sit down on any rock overlooking a river or forest and you are reconnecting to the world as it was before we filled it with signals and satellites and things that devour time.

In a paragraph or two, I'm going for a long overdue walk. I'll breathe slowly, walk with no destination in mind, and return when I've had my fill. I'll clear my head and hope that, somewhere along the way, a grouse will flush or an indigo bunting will bless me with its presence. I'll move slowly, look often and walk into the wind. And somewhere between the eaves of the forest and the place I call home, I'll feel a whole lot better than I



The search for fleeting beauty at the Dahl Forest

Column and photos by Darren Lum

The mystery of the fluttering butterfly was partially revealed by Colin Jones, who led the Wings Over the Highlands event at the Dahl Forest on Wednesday, July 21.

Armed with butterfly nets and an anxiousness to learn, 25 children and adults followed Jones, a Natural Heritage Project Zoologist and author, down an undulating pathway through the woods to a clearing of a marsh at the Burnt River.

Along the way he showed where and how to find close to 100 varieties of butterflies that live in the area.

Jones said butterflies, which are also in the insect order of the *Lepidoptera* – meaning scaled wings in Greek, generally are found simply by looking under large, broad leaves near the spine where they try to hide from predators such as birds and dragonflies. It is important to be out before the heat of the day, as butterflies don't like the extreme heat, including in the rain.

Butterfly characteristics include slender bodies, six legs and four broad wings.

With more than a few thousand species of moths it can be a challenge to discern between butterflies and moths. One trait to focus on is the antennae, which are used to smell and to sense wind and nectar. Moths have branched, fury antennae while butterflies possess a club shape at the end.

Butterflies have strong vision, capable of seeing the ultraviolet spectrum.

Through a series of demonstrations at the start of the tour the bespeckled, middle-aged Jones, rich with excitement, rivaled only by the boys and girls in the group, showed the two main butterfly catching techniques such as bringing the net from behind and below the butterfly, ensuring a complete follow-through to scoop up the butterfly and the pancake – raising the net high above the butterfly and then lowering the net over it in one quick motion to the ground or plant.

Butterflies feed mainly on nectar from flowers, but are also known to feed on pollen, tree sap, rotting fruit and dissolved minerals. A collection of milkweed plants was among the examples shown at the Dahl Forest.

This year's unusually warm spring has been the result of a phenomenon when plants started the cycle of growth earlier than normal and where southern species have moved north, including butterflies he said.



Tour leader Colin Jones, holding up a large weaver spider, shows the crowd an example of what you can find near the Burnt River during the Wings Over the Highlands Tour hosted at the Dahl Forest on Wednesday, July 21.

Although there has been lack of visible signs of butterflies recently, Jones expects there to be an upswing in sightings in the next few weeks as the second brood of Monarchs are expected.

Butterfly markings serve an essential function for survival. For example the wood nymph, which has what resembles eyes on its wings, acts as intimidation, but more importantly, can be a distraction to predators who would set its attention to the wings rather than the vulnerable main body portion. The butterfly can lose a portion of its wing and continue to survive, Jones said.

Two strategies that are employed by butterflies are to attract mates with colour, including predators, or to remain hidden, camouflaged from predators.

The brilliant, striking colours of a butterfly come from the overlapping scales on the wing, created by the microstructure of the scales and fade as the butterfly loses these scales as it ages.

Many butterflies spend most of their life in the larvae stage while the adult term lasts only a few days, weeks or a few months.

With more than 10 years of experience as a park naturalist when he was regularly engaged with leading tours for Algonquin Park, Jones has seen the excitement generated by these kinds of experiences firsthand. They are important to get children exposed to nature since it can lead to a better awareness and a lifelong appreciation of nature.

There are more than 500 acres of land open to the public, exclusive to non-motorized traffic, at the Dahl Forest.

This event was the result of a partnership with Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Natural Heritage Information Centre, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and the Dahl family.

The Dahl Forest was donated to the land trust in 2009 and was largely attributed to the family's matriarch Peggy Dahl, 91, who lives on the property.

The next Stewardship Discovery Days event in this series is Traditional Native Stories of the Land led by elder Ned Benson at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

For more information contact Barrie Martin at bmartin@outtolearn.ca.



A fritillary butterfly is held momentarily in a container during the Wings Over the Highlands tour.

The longest smile

Awkward Moments column by Steve Galea • Photos by Jenn Watt

I guess it was only natural. Chad and I, still stinging from the rejection issued by the Dusk Dance judges Brigitte Gall and Daniela Pagliaro, decided that music, rather than dance, would be our avenue out of the basement broom closet office that we shared in *Cottage Times* headquarters.

Sure, the company was finally showing some appreciation. In fact, they finally approved that adjoining washroom we asked for. And, you know, had they purchased anything but a bargain brand litter, I think Chad and I might have felt guilty about wanting to leave.

"Do you really think we can make it as a headliner act at the Smile Music and Comedy Festival?" he asked, as he licked his paws.

"Sure," I said. "Name one person who doesn't like spoon music."

And so it was that Out of Tine, the world's first power rock spoon duo, was born. Sure there were a few obstacles. For one thing, neither of us could play the spoons. Even more problematic; we couldn't move like Mick Jagger.

Luckily, all this was solved when editor Jenn Watt suggested that we wire up our spoons so that we could plug them into any convenient electrical outlet – so long as it wasn't in the office or on the same power grid.

"Thanks Jenn," we said.

"No problem," she snickered. "Now would you boys mind signing these insurance policies?"

Chad and I had already practiced unplugged. But that was mostly due to the six cups of coffee we had before rehearsal. Now we were waiting for Sean Carthew, the creative director of the Smile Festival.

Of course, Chad and I weren't complete idiots. We both knew that, despite what Watt said, it wouldn't be enough just to stand barefoot in the fountain at Head Lake Park and plug in our spoons. We needed a bit of stage presence too – something else that would create an additional buzz.

That's why we called Sheri Hawkins, lead singer of Sheri Hawkins and the Wise Guys to help us out. She was a consummate professional who looked rock star cool as she pulled up on her motorcycle. Though we hardly knew her, she was also willing to help us with no questions asked.

"First, you need to look the part of rock stars," she said. "That means you need a cool tattoo that sends out just the right message."

After a quick conference, we had the perfect answer.

"You sure this is what you want?" she asked, as she prepared the needles.

"What could be cooler than a couple of guys with matching 'Born to Spoon' tats?" I asked.

"Yeah, there's no way this could send out the wrong message," Chad said. "Make mine a lower back tattoo, would you?"

Next, Sheri advised us we needed to hang around a really shiny motorcycle. "It'll be good for your image," she noted.

When Sean arrived with his big wooden Smile, which he was contractually obligated to carry, he immediately noticed this too.

"Nice motorcycle," he said, as we finished washing and rinsing it off.

"Thanks man," I said coolly, "since we only play cutlery, we don't need a whole tour bus."

"You know it's refreshing to see musicians cleaning their own vehicles," he remarked. "Some, like Sheri Hawkins, get a kick out of tricking losers into doing it for them."

An awkward silence ensued.

"So what is it you guys want me to see?" asked Sean.

"Mr. Carthew," I began, "Chad and I would be thrilled if you would just watch us spoon for a few minutes."

"Wait!" Chad yelled. "Maybe all this would make more sense if I showed you my lower back tattoo!"

Luckily, Sheri stepped out from behind the bushes and explained.

"This I've got to see," Sean said, minutes later.

And so it was that Chad and I, with the help of Sheri, spooned as well as any two men ever have – and with only minor injuries. Sadly, however, when all was said and done, we came up short, both in stature and entertainment value.

"Sorry boys," Sean said. "Led Zepplin electric spoon cover bands are a dime a dozen. Come back when you have something original."

"Huh?"

Having missed his opportunity to sign a big name act, Sean and his big teeth rode, with Sheri, off into the sunset.

And, you know, for once, Jenn actually supported us. She said it was a shame that we never got the chance to plug in and play live.

If you want to hear some real music and great comedy, check out the inaugural Smile Festival on Aug. 7 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. It starts at noon with a treasure hunt and street buskers, then at 2 p.m. the music and comedy begins through until 9 p.m. The musical headliners are The Northern Pikes and Yuk Yuk's will present a team of funny people to keep you grinning all day long. Matt Duchene will also be on hand to sign autographs from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Other musicians include the Rabid Dogs, the Ragweed Jazz Band, Sheri Hawkins and The Wiseguys and Simply The Best Tina – A Dynamite Tina Turner Tribute!

Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.



Sean Carthew, rear, gives his verdict on the electric spoons act. Galea and Ingram were hopeful but not too disappointed when their act wasn't picked to headline the upcoming Smile Festival happening in Head Lake Park on Aug.7.



Sheri Hawkins, left, gives Steve Galea a tattoo above, while at left, Sheri and Sean Carthew ride off on Sherri's motorcycle to Chad Ingram's and Steve Galea's dismay.



Inaugural music and comedy festival a village effort

Column by Angelica Blenich

What started out as a novel idea for a family friendly summer event, the Smile Music and Comedy Festival has grown to include a multitude of volunteers, organizations and attractions.

Scheduled for Aug. 7 from noon until 9 p.m. in Head Lake Park, Smile aims to be about more than just some tunes and laughs.

"We want it to be a Haliburton wide day of fun," said Maarten Steinkamp, owner of McKecks restaurant and the founder of the festival. "It's become a lot bigger than we initially thought."

Since the idea for the music festival first came to light back in April, more than 70 volunteers and half a dozen organizations have signed up for the event.

"It's become an event that includes a number of local charities," said Steinkamp. "We're now seeing a huge potential of making Smile something where charities and organizations unite."

"Every charity that helps is looking after one category," said Steinkamp. "Everyone has their own role. Whatever money we make from the event will be divided equally between all the organizations."

Presented by McKecks The Blue Line, the event will operate with a pay-what-you-can admission with all donations returned to the community, said Steinkamp.

"The costs of putting on this event are going to be covered," said Steinkamp, "so every dollar that goes into the jars goes to the charities."

Included in the event's itinerary is a Highland Street treasure hunt, buskers lined up along the streets, children's games organized by Camp Wanakita and an autograph session with Haliburton's NHL rookie Matt Duchene.

"When people arrive they need to go to one of the designated parking lots to pick up their maps," said Steinkamp who explains the lots will be indicated with signage located throughout the municipality.



Members of the Northern Pikes include from left, Jay Semko, Ross Nykiforuk, Bryan Potvin and Don Schmid, seated. The Canadian rock band, which has been together since the mid 1980s, will be performing at the Smile Music and Comedy Festival in Haliburton Village on Aug. 7.

Necessary for the treasure hunt, the map points visitors in the direction of businesses along Highland Street.

"The object of the hunt is to find letters at the different storefronts, either outside or inside," said Steinkamp. "Once found the letters need to be arranged to spell a word."

Buskers throughout the streets will not only be entertaining those in town but also "playing for change."

"All the money donated to the buskers is also going back to the charities," said Steinkamp. "So the slogan 'play for change' is really about change for the community."

Also set to play at the festival are The Northern Pikes, a Canadian band that has been around since the mid 1980s.

The icons are equally excited and thrilled with the chance to play the Smile Festival in Haliburton.

"The timing is great because we haven't really been playing much this year," said band member Jay Semko who attributes the hiatus to the fact the musicians live across the country, resulting in logistical challenges.

"Generally when we play it's during the summer. Mainly what we do is festivals and fairs," said Semko. "We have more fun playing now than I think we've ever had."

Currently made up of four members, the band includes Bryan Potvin on guitar and lead vocals, Jay Semko on bass and lead vocals, Ross Nykiforuk on keyboard and backup vocals and Don Schmid on drums. Bringing their classic rock sound to Smile is something the band is looking forward to.

"We're really pumped about going up there [to Haliburton] and playing," said Semko. "We have literally played thousands and thousands of gigs since we started back in the 1980s. Even though we play less now, it's kind of like riding a bike. We're pretty much like brothers because we've spent so much time together over the years."

Other acts included in the festival include Simply the Best Tina – a Tina Turner tribute band, the Rabid Dogs, the Ragweed Jazz Band and Sheri Hawkins and the Wiseguys. The event will also include comedy provided by Yuk Yuk's.

(Organizers are still looking for help with tech side of things ... putting up the stage, lights, sound, etc. – email Sean at bookwithsean@gmail.com if you're interested.)

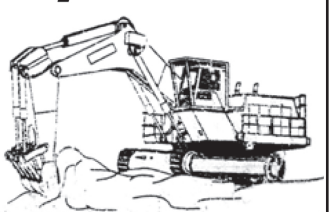
"I look at it as an old-fashioned family fair," said organizer Karen Frybort who is tasked with taking care of all the catering. "A day of family and food and fun."

"It's a party in the village," said Steinkamp. "Let's celebrate our village and smile."

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What do you mean, the land between?

Column by Leora Berman

Remember when you were younger, driving up "north" to go camping, to sleep-over camp, fishing, or to the cottage? You wore potent mosquito repellent, flip flops, and gathered to watch Canada Film Board movies at open air theatre in the park. You had a sense as you were getting closer to your destination that you were entering Ontario's wilderness – "outdoors country." Although the highways are wider, faster and flashier, our wild and natural playground still lurks beyond these roads.

Throughout Ontario, you will encounter large and well-known ecosystems such as the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Canadian Shield and farther north, the Boreal Forest. But what lies between these areas? What is found at the edge of each place? At the edge an ecosystem is what ecologists call an "ecotone": an area containing parts of the ecosystems it borders, but also having features that are entirely unique.

The Land Between is an ecotone – an area of transition between the Canadian Shield and the St. Lawrence Lowlands stretching across south-central Ontario from Georgian Bay to Kingston. It runs parallel to, but just north of Highway 7. This landscape is less rugged than in the near-north, but not as flat and arable as the south. You may notice more open areas and exposed bedrock in shades of grey and pink. Look further and you can see how the landscape undulates in patterns of low to high and wet to dry. It has fewer roads than areas to the south, small dispersed communities, scattered farm lands between woods, and if you look closely, you will see outdoor enthusiasts abounding. What you are seeing is The Land Between!

Small lakes and wetlands between dry, open granite ridges; a border of limestone plains; and patches of cool shaded forest – these are the patterns of this unique ecosystem. The Land Between is a patchwork: a rich mixture of habitats including globally rare ecosystems such as alvars and savannahs, fens and meadow marshes. Parts of The Land Between boast the highest density of shoreline in Ontario.

The Land Between is at the northern limit for some species such as white oak, yellow-throated vireo, woodchuck, the chorus frog and the common crow. At the same time, it is the southern limit for other species such as grey wolf, moose, and jack pine. This overlapping of range-boundaries results in high species diversity.

Unique species are found here too: the five-lined skink, Ontario's only lizard is here; the golden-winged warbler and whippoorwill are birds in decline that are strongly associated with The Land Between; and the interspersed wetland and rocky habitats support vital populations of rare turtles, other reptiles and amphibians.

A mosaic of Crown lands, provincial parks and lands in natural cover supplies a reservoir of natural spaces and species. Its natural lands, at 90 per cent of its area, are relatively continuous compared to anywhere to the south. The region provides key services and shelter today – and may be even more vital during future climate change.

The Land Between is rich in distinct culture and heritage. The First Nations people used it as key east-west corridor for travelling over land and water. The American eel, no longer found locally, was at its northernmost limit here, and was an abundant resource providing both food and tools. A brief period of European settlement introduced agriculture, mining and lumbering, but these soon faltered and gave way to ghost towns and second-growth forests.

The Land Between includes part of a major navigation route: the Trent Severn Waterway. Travelling this waterway by boat attracts thousands of people each year. Today, the beauty and serenity of the area are appreciated by residents, cottagers and visitors alike.

The Land Between stands out as a special landscape – something those who live and play here have known all along!

Development in this region is increasing rapidly, pushed by an increase in total population, and by retirees and commuters moving into the area. Quarry operations, more restricted farther south, have quickly become a major land use and a major concern. The Land Between is a fragile place. Due to its thin soils, rapid drainage and interconnected waters, it is very susceptible to contamination. Standard forms of use and development for housing, septic systems, golf courses and roads can easily result in damage that is difficult to contain or reverse. Disturbance in this region is long lasting.

Furthermore, economies across The Land Between are mainly dependant on nature-based tourism, sports and recreation. The construction industry, public services and timber harvesting are only secondary.

Through sharing information, wise use, stewardship efforts, and collaboration, a thriving and sustainable future for The Land Between can be achieved.

Conserving the features and functions of this land is still possible. Get involved! Take part in watershed or lake plans. Work with local groups and land trusts. Spread the word. Explore alternative policies and practices. Learn more to effectively steward your own land. Together we can learn, appreciate, and sustainably care for this special landscape.



This Blanding's turtle, a species at risk, lives in the land between, a beautiful but fragile place. /File photo

Leora Berman is The Land Between program manager. www.thelandbetween.ca.

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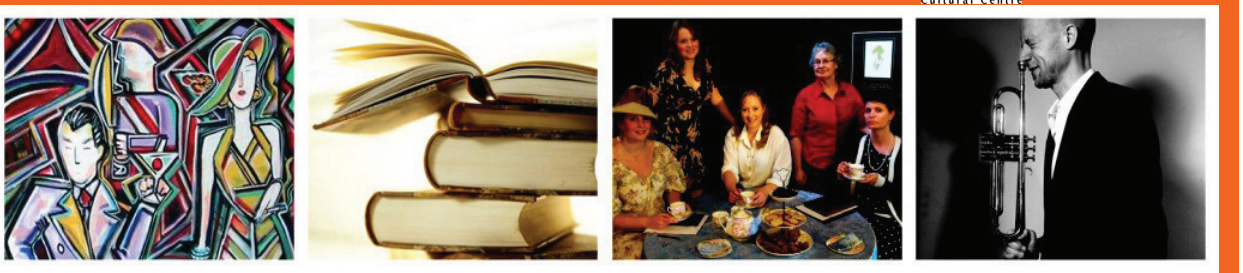
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Come see the Wilberforce Fair this year

Column by Angelica Blenich



There is an extensive collection of animals to meet at the Wilberforce Fair. /file photo

Come see us now.

The motto for this year's Wilberforce Agricultural Fair not only offers an air of mystery but more importantly an open invitation to take in an event that promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

With the help of a $35,000 government grant provided by Celebrate Ontario, a provincial initiative, the Wilberforce Agricultural Society was able to invest in more equipment and attractions for this year's fair, scheduled to take place on Aug. 6 and 7 at the fairgrounds.

"This was the first time we've ever applied to Celebrate Ontario," said Carol Lee, secretary of the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, "and we were very fortunate that we were one of the few chosen."

Apart from the usual fun and excitement one can expect from the outdoor agricultural fair now entering its 27th year, the upcoming event will include new outdoor lighting, bleachers, a large tent and a sound system.

"We were also allowed to use $1,000 of the grant for entertainment," said Lee. "So this year we have the Black Fly Boogie Band and children's entertainer Jake Differ."

One of the stipulations of the grant stated that the agricultural society was required to set up a foundation so that the fair, which has gotten bigger every year according to Lee, could continue next year without the money.

Those planning to visit the fair can expect to see the popular horse draw, the goat show, a sweet and silent auction, antique farm machinery, Highland dancers, minnow races and a variety of other events and exhibits.

New this year will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Aug. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and ball hockey at the arena, where everyone is encouraged to bring his or her stick.

"Everything for children under the age of 16 is free," said Lee. "That includes their admission and all their crafts and entertainment. There's always so much stuff to do. Everything is family oriented."

One of the more exciting features for the children includes the passport to the fair.

"The kids get their passport and I believe this year there's eight places they have to go to," said Lee. "It's based on education so they have to go around and ask a question and once they get an answer they get a stamp. Once they have collected all the stamps they get an ice cream treat."

Besides ice cream treats, hungry patrons are sure to be satisfied with the help of corn on the cob and a roast beef dinner held afterwards, at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The fair is a rain or shine event, so organizers encourage those coming to come prepared with raincoats and rubber boots.

Admission is $5 for adults or $8 for a weekend pass. Everyone under the age of 16 is free. For more information visit www.wilberforcefair.com.



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• Learn the rule of 30/30: If you count less then 30 seconds between lightning and thunder, seek shelter immediately. Each second is equal to about 300 metres, under 30 seconds mean the strikes are within 10 kilometres and there is potential for a strike in that area.

• Avoid Being the Highest Point: The taller the object the better a target it makes for lightning. If you are caught outside seek shelter in a depressed area (in a ditch or valley be aware of potential flash flooding), avoid sheltering under tall objects like a tree that may attract lightning.

• Avoid Conductors: Stay away from objects that conduct electricity such as goal posts, fences, tractors, bicycles and lawnmowers.

• Get out of Open Fields: If you are caught in an open field, do not lay flat on the ground. Squat on the ground with your feet together, your hands on your knees and your body bent forward.

• Stay Away From Water: Water is an excellent conductor of electricity and can carry an electrical current far from the lightning contact point. If you are in a boat get to land as quickly as possible, avoid swimming. Be careful around creeks and rivers that may be subject to flash flooding during a severe storm.

What do you do if someone is hit by lightning?

Call for emergency medical assistance and check for hazards. An electrical current going through the body can cause breathing and/or the heart to stop. Also, an electrical shock can violently throw people, causing head and spinal injuries.

Remember: A person who has been struck by lightning is *not* electrically charged and can be safely handled by bystanders. If a person is no longer breathing begin CPR immediately.

If the person is still breathing do a secondary survey of the body to locate any burns (a lightning strike may leave an entry and exit burn), fractures, dislocations or other injuries. Give ongoing care until medical help arrives.

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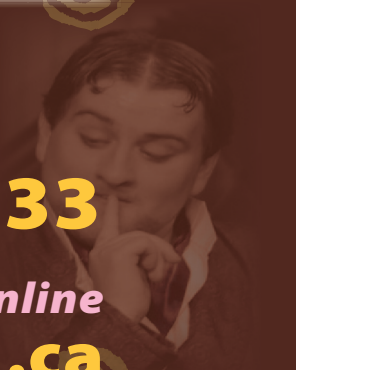
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Many methods available to election candidates, Oyler says

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chance to get to know who the candidates are before the end of the summer season.

While seasonal residents comprise 64 per cent of the township's voting population, Reid said the voter turnout for those residents was only 24 per cent.

Conversely, she said voter turnout for permanent resident was 51 per cent.

"When people don't know who the candidates are, they typically don't vote," Reid said, noting that limiting signage to 45 days before the election, "doesn't seem like a very open and fair process."

Councillor Lisa Schell disagreed, saying she thought anyone interested in voting in the municipal election would make sure they were educated on the candidates.

She found election signs aesthetically displeasing.

"I can't imagine looking at those signs for half the summer," she said.

Councillor Bill Obee said he would have liked to be able to post signs during the summer in the last municipal election and thought that incumbents had an inherent advantage over new candidates.

"I feel that changing [the bylaw] does make sense," he said.

> **When people don't know who the candidates are, they typically don't vote.**
>
> *— Councillor Barb Reid*

Councillor Peter Oyler contended there were plenty of ways aside from signage – such as ads in print media and the Internet – for candidates to promote themselves and candidates could start promoting themselves as soon as they declared, which one can do Jan. 1 of an election year.

"They can do that right from Jan. 1," Oyler said.

Oyler went on to say that he'd been the councillor to bring the current election sign bylaw forward in 2003 after he'd received a number of complaints from residents about sign pollution.

He thought the reason voting levels were so low with seasonal residents was because many of them don't realize that in municipal elections, they can vote in their home and cottaging townships.

"A lot of people still don't know that," he said.

The motion to change the bylaw was defeated in a 4-3 vote.

Reid is running for reeve of the township in the October election and current Reeve Jim McMahon, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell will be running to reclaim their positions.

Thus far, no other members of the current council have filed nomination papers.

Oyler, who serves as a councillor-at-large, has announced he will not be running in the election.



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There are 57 ways to make a landscape

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Various artistic takes on Canada's diverse and often breathtaking topography are on display at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Canadian Landscape, a juried exhibition, opened at the gallery on July 29 and will run until Sept. 11.

The show contains 57 works in various media from artists across the country that were chosen from 150 submissions.

As curator Laurie Carmount told guests at an opening gala on July 30, the criteria for the show was fairly non-specific; works simply had to depict the Canadian landscape.

"That was basically the only rule," she said.

She'd been pleased at the enthusiastic response to her call for submissions and said she'd even received correspondence from an artist in Thailand who'd found out about the exhibit online and wanted to take part, although Carmount said there were some complications in receiving the work.



Karen Bigelow stands with her silver point drawing of the Alberta badlands, part of the Canadian Landscape juried show that opened at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery last week. The gallery received 150 submissions from across the country and 57 pieces were chosen to be part of the show.

Chad Ingram
Times staff

"We were fascinated that we actually got that connection," she said.

Unlike traditional exhibits that look for only paintings, the exhibit includes photography and other media, such as silver point drawing.

"The cross-section is really important," Carmount said, explaining she'd wanted the exhibit to have a contemporary feel.

As she'd put the selected works on the gallery walls, she'd had Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," playing in her head.

"But it was 50 ways to make a landscape," she said, explaining that she'd tried to reflect both traditional and not-so-traditional landscape works in the exhibit.

The jurors for the exhibition are Virginia Eichhorn, director and curator of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound, Rhona Wenger, director and curator of the Grimsby Public Art Gallery, along with Carmount.

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Sarah Moshoian and brother Matthew enjoyed the fire truck ride at a carnival hosted by the Minden Rotary club outside the Minden municipal office last week.



Rotary Fair

Sisters Sadie, Kelty and Tessa McNeice weren't quite sure how they felt about this boat ride at the carnival hosted by the Minden Rotary club last week.

Chad Ingram Times staff



Make it Minden

Minden Rivercone and the Lions Club hosted a family event July 6, on Orde Street, which included a live band and corn on the cob sold to raise money for minor league baseball as part of the Tuesday night celebration Make It Minden.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
(By-law – 10-63)
(PRENTICE/WAHLROTH RZ-10-04(P)

Part of Lot 24, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 10-63 on the 29th day of July, 20 10 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 24th day of August , 20 10, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of $125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 4th day of August, 20 10.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

a. the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

b. the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.



Chad Ingram at the Dominion

Acoustic takes on old favourites

Aug. 14 and Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Photo by Darren Lum

NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

SEE PAGE 9 IN TODAY'S PAPER

Notices

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION and PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BEAVERBROOK GOLF COURSE LTD. – RZ-10-07(P)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received an application (referenced RZ- 10-07(P) for an amendment to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10 and will hold a public meeting on THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St., Minden Village) to consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendment as required under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Location of Subject Lands

The proposed Zoning By-law amendment applies to lands located in part of Lot 6, Concession A in the geographic Township of Minden. The lands are located on the Bobcaygeon Road and the total area of the subject lands is approximately 1.21 hectares (2.99 acres).

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment

The applicant has submitted an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment.

The subject property is currently zoned Residential Type One (R1) and Open Space (OS) in Zoning By-law No. 06-10 of the Township of Minden Hills.

The purpose of the proposed zoning By-law amendment is to further amend By-law 06-10, Schedule '21', to permit new residential lots on the subject lands by rezoning the property from the Open Space (OS) zone to the Residential Type 1 (R1) zone and Residential Type 1 Exception ** (R1**) zone.

Additional Applications - The applicant has three applications for consent in process; #H-69/2009,

H-70/2009 and H-71/2009 and the zoning change is a condition of consent. Application H-069/2009 has accessory buildings located thereon and will be consolidated with an adjacent lot without benefit of a principal dwelling.

Representation

A public meeting will be held on THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Any person may attend the public meeting and make written and/or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council before the proposed amendment are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the Zoning By-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information

Additional information relating to the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: August 4, 2010
(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street
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TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION and NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application (RZ-10-06 (P)) for an amendment to Zoning By-law No. 06-10, and will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St., Minden Village) to consider the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Location of Subject Lands

The proposed zoning by-law amendment applies to lands located in part of Lot 1, Concession A in the geographic Township of Minden. The lands are located at the corner of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road. The total area of the subject lands is approximately 0.29 hectares (0.72 acres).

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment

The applicant, BORCAP HOLDINGS INC. has submitted an application for a Zoning By-law amendment to the subject lands.

The subject property is currently zoned Village Commercial (C4 Zone in Zoning By-law No. 06-10 of the Township of Minden Hills, Schedule'22'.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is to further amend By-law 06-10, Schedule'22'by rezoning the subject lands as the Highway Commercial (C1) Zone, to permit a drive-thru restaurant.

Additional Applications

There are no additional applications affecting the subject lands.

Representation

A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** to consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Any person may attend the public meeting and make written and/or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Additional Information

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is available for inspection at the Township office in Minden during regular office hours.
Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 4th day of August, 2010.
Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST, Planning Administrator
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Annual garden party almost here



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This Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. here at Pine Reflections, the girls and I have a great day planned just for you.

It's our annual garden party and we had so much fun last year, that yes, it is going to be an annual event!

We have organized something for just about everyone. For those of you that love garage sales, we have it and it's going to be big.

There will be a silent auction on some real cool items, or you can take part in our famous "roll the dice" for bargains and if you have your eye on something special in the gift store, there will be incentive to start your shopping for Christmas (gasp, it's not far off!). My incentive to you is ... 20 per cent off store-wide! Can it get any better? But, it's for one day only!

We have planned some fun games for the kiddies and the kiddies at heart.

There will be a table with munchies, refreshments, door prizes and music.

Wear your garden party bonnet there will be a prize for the best one – so get creative!

I am looking forward to seeing you all next Saturday!

Also, I would like to remind you that I still have the Community Living 2010 Travel Club lottery tickets for sale. You only have until the end of September to take part in one of the coolest lotteries ever. For $50 you have numerous chances to win trips or cash. Even if you win your ticket goes back in for the other draws.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Shoreline Road Allowance Closure
and Original Allowance for Road Closure
Hindon Lake Subdivision (County File: 46T-08001)
Geographic Township of Stanhope
Applicant: SANDERSON, SANDERSON & HESTLETON

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared certain parts of the shoreline road allowance located at Lot 1 Concessions 2 and 3 and parts of the original allowance for road for between Lots 5 and 6 Concession A, between Concessions 2 and 3 in front of Lot 1, between Lot 5 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 2, between Lot 6 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 3, between Lot 5 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 2 and Lot 6 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 3, between Concessions 2 and 3 in front of Lot 1 on Hindon Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus;

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) those parts of the shoreline road allowance and also the original allowances for road described as all and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original allowance for road between Lots 5 and 6 Concession A, part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 2 and 3 in front of Lot 1, part of the original allowance for road between Lot 5 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 2, part of the original allowance for road between Lot 6 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 3, the original allowance for road in front of the original allowance for road between Lot 5 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 2 and Lot 6 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 3 described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9082;

SECONDLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 1 Concessions 2 and 3 Part of the original shore road allowance in front of the original allowance for road between Concessions 2 and 3 and in front of Lot 1 part of the original shore road allowance in front of the original allowance for road between Lot 5 Concession A and Lot 1 Concession 2 described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9082;

THIRDLY: THAT part of the original allowance for road between Concessions 2 and 3 in front of Lot 1 described as Part 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9082 ;

FOURTHLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 1 Concession 2 described as Part 4 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9082.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at it's regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 19th day of August, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: July 26, 2010

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Lessons about alpacas, bluegrass and international cuisine



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We have just returned from our annual brief stay in Muskoka with friends at their cottage outside Gravenhurst. This year we visited a new enterprise combining a mill and retail store featuring alpaca wool and clothing items made from it. Offered in a wide range of colours this soft, silky and non-allergenic wool is apparently seven times warmer than that of sheep. It is, however, quite expensive. Listening to the friendly owner describe her flock of 31 animals in glowing terms sparked an image of alpacas moving serenely in the field here at the old farmhouse requiring only hay, water, shelter and shearing yearly. Fortunately the vision was only fleeting and common sense prevailed. When questioned about their reported antisocial habit of spitting the owner assured us that alpacas only spit at each other. With those bulging eyes hopefully their aim is accurate.

In last week's issue of the Times Chad Ingram wrote an editorial titled "Community spirit lives". It was a positive testament to our town of Kinmount, the Committee on Planning and Economic Development and the many volunteers who contribute to making it a great place to live. Thank you Chad. Now it's time to think about those volunteers and send in your nomination for the 2010 Kinmount and District Lions Club Citizen of the Year". Entries are due by Aug. 13 and should be sent along with a supporting letter to the Club at Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario, K0M 2A0. Previous winners are Dave Lougheed, Ted Wilkes, Diane Austin, Tom Lang, Joyce Brown, Madeline Pearson, Carole Jones, Jean Anderson, Keith Stata, Lynne Kilby, Ambrose Ferren and Ralph Pearson.

Again this summer the popular Music in the Park series continues with the Haliburton Blue Grass Trio featured this Thursday, Aug. 5. at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs, family and friends to the picnic pavilion in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park for an enjoyable evening by the Burnt River sponsored by the Kinmount & District Lions Club. The following week it will be Flex-Rock and Popular Band.

The ladies auxiliary of branch 441 Kinmount invites everyone to its dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 4:30 to 7 pm. at the Branch. Take a trip Around the World with an international menu. Tickets are available at the door and for more information please call Maureen at 488-2318.

The third Wednesday of the month, Aug. 18, means big bucks bid euchre at the Legion starting at 11 a.m. The cost is $10 which includes lunch.

Catching up on your summer reading? For great bargains drop by the friends of the library 's monthly book sale Saturday, August 21st on the lower level of the Kinmount Library from 10 a.m.to 2 p.m. Donations of good used books can be dropped off in the labeled receptacle outside the Branch for the Sales but please no magazines, texts or encyclopedias.

For those enquiring about the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation's annual Journey for Health normally held in August please note this year the date is Sunday, Sept. 12. Pledge sheets are available and there is still plenty of time to dig out those sneakers. Once again the Kinmount Pharmacy will generously match the participant who raises the most pledges to a maximum of $1,500. If you would prefer to sponsor someone else then please give Vic a call at 488-3053.

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Summertime fun continues in Dorset



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News
705-766-0076
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Dorset Day Camp continues Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages five to 12. Half days are also available. Activities include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, swimming, hikes to the Dorset tower, theme days, library time and much more.

Stop by the Dorset Recreation Centre to pick up a complete day camp schedule or to find out more. day camp ends on Friday, Aug. 27.

There will be a family campfire night on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Dorset Parkette on Highway 35 starting at 6:30 p.m. Join Dorset day camp leaders Logan and Jenny for an evening of great fun including s'mores and more. Donations to cover costs are greatly appreciated. This event is weather permitting – please call 766-9968 to confirm.

On Saturday, Aug. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a community drumming circle at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome to join the fun. The suggested donation is $10 but just pay what you can. Call Gillian at 766-2323 for more information or to sign up.

Life master Josee Hammill is offering two types of bridge classes on Mondays at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting on Monday, Aug. 9. From 9:30 to 11 a.m. rusty bridge players are invited to come and brush up on their skills. The cost is $80 for four weeks.

From 12 to 2:30 p.m. Josee will be teaching beginners bridge. Learn the basics and how to play bridge in just four weeks for $100. All materials are supplied. For more information, contact Josee at 635-9454.

Family Movie Night takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, August 11 starting at 6:30 p.m. The popcorn is free and beverages are available to purchase. Admission is by donation and the movie showing will be *Up*.

The next beading class is open to all (over age 10) levels of ability and participants will create their own crystal earrings. Join Marlene of Big Bead at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. Class is $10 plus tax and materials or bring your own – call the recreation centre to register or for more details. The class has a minimum to run so please call 766-9968 if you are interested to ensure the class is a go.

The Dorset Lions Club annual spaghetti dinner at the Dorset Recreation Centre is coming up on Thursday, Aug. 12 starting at 6 p.m. On the menu are spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, coffee, tea and dessert. For more information or to reserve tickets for this popular event, call Steve at 705-766-2469.

I don't have any birthday wishes for the week of Aug. 1 to 7. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

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August 5: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents – Haliburton Blue Grass Trio. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and performers.

August 6-7: Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. Friday night kicks off with an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, pony pull and ball hockey. Saturday features kid's passport, minnow races, animal displays, crafts, nail driving contest, antique farm machinery, horse draw, goat show and rope making plus Black Fly Bookie band and renowned children's entertainer Jake Differ. Come see us now! For more info go to WilberforceFair.com

SMILE HALIBURTON: Because on August 7 in Head Lake Park in town, we are having buskers, a treasure hunt, Matt Duchene, family fun with Camp Wanakita, 5 bands including the Northern Pikes and 3 yuk yuks comics from noon to 9 p.m. 100% of proceeds to 9 different Haliburton County Charities. Smile « The music and comedy festival. »

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August 7:Twelve Mile Little Boshkung Lakes Association Annual General Meeting – Join us at 9 am Zion United Church, Carnarvon

August 7: South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents annual golf tournament, Beaverbrook Golf Course. Sat. Aug 7th at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Patti Prentice for more information at 286-2092.

August 7: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, 4th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament at Lakeside Golf Club, West Guilford on Sat. Aug. 7. Hole in one Prize, Contact 705-457-4263, or 705-754-2110. email: snowmobile@hcsa.on.ca.

August 9-13: Minden United Church is pleased to offer two children's programs this summer. A daily vacation Bible School called VIBE for younger children from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.at Minden United Church 21 Newcastle St. Minden and a Peace Camp Aug 23-27 for older children and youth from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St, Minden Ontario. For more information and to register please call Rev. Max Ward 286-3592 or Shirley Holmes 457-9370.

August 11- Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meeting at 1 pm at St. Georges Anglican Church. Trunk show by Elizabeth Dillinger. www.elizabeth.dillinger.ca.

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August 12: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents – Flexx – Rock and Popular Band. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and performers.

August 12: Word in Action Charity Golf Classic Thursday Aug 12, 2010. Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, Haliburton, Registration 10:30 a – 12:45 pm. Lunch 11:30 am. Shot Gun start 1:00 pm. Supporting Put the Word in Action Ministries Inc. supporting Tall Oaks Christian Academy. Contact Dennis or Brenda Mckee 705-457-1413.

August 15: Cruise & Fly in at Stanhope Airport on August 15, 2010 9:00 a.m. To 4 p.m. Contact Brian/Carol 705-489-1299, email. Kushog.groves@sympatico.ca.

August 19: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents – Hot Flashes, Cold Shoulders. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and performers.

August 21: 2010 Road Sharks Motorcycle Poker Ride presented by Community Care Haliburton County - Registration and departure from the Halco Plaza, 83 Maple Ave, Haliburton. Ride lasts approximately 3 hours through the scenic Haliburton Highlands. Registration 10 am. Proceeds to benefit services .

August 26: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents – Vivian Hetherington and Friends. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and performers.

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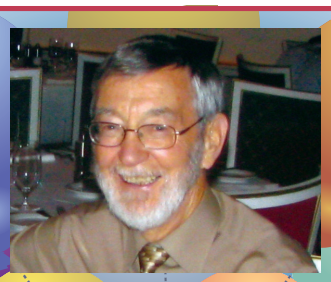
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August 7, 2010
Minden Curling Club - 1-4 pm



Thank You Cards

THANK YOU - to all of my family and friends who attended my 90th Birthday Party. The day was great, hope everyone enjoyed it. Special thanks to my children, Bill and his crew at the West Guilford Store for a great lunch and the family dinner. **Phrona Sisson.**

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Deaths

COOPER, Elaine Marguerite (nee MacKay) - Passed away with her family at her side at the Ross Memorial Hospital on Sunday, August 1, 2010 in her 76th year. Loving wife of the late Orval Cooper. Dear mother of Ken and Joan Cooper of Victoria Harbour, Marlene and Douglas Munro of Kinmount, Crystal and Glen Munro of Dunsford, Lori and Scott Padgett of Fenelon Falls and predeceased by her son Daryl. Loving grandmother of Cindy (Jesse), Brian, Melissa (James), Daryl (Leanne), Vanessa, Joshua (Brandi), Amie, Caren (Steve), Lindsay, Stephanie and predeceased by her granddaughter Tia. Loving great grandmother of Jade, Jillian and Greysen. Sister of Dale, Garry, Sharlene, Dolores and predeceased by Don. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the chapel on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Interment at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland. Memorial Donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

REESOR, MARY "MAY" CHRISTINA - February 3, 1922 - July 15, 2010. Passed away at Hyland Crest at 88 years.

Loving mother of Don (Barbara) and Ron (Diana). Caring and witty grandmonther of Kathleen, Marc (Melanie), Sarah, Ryan (Amy) and Alyna (Chris). Treasured great-grandmother to Cassandra, Damian and Anson. Sister of Scott and Donald. She is fondly remembered by her niece Christine and her family, as well as her sister-in-law, Hazel. Predeceased by her husband Harold Emmerson Reesor and her parents Mary McKenzie and James Taylor. Dear friend of Bill and Nancy Clarke, Dolly Kelly, Linda and Stuart Brandon, Paulette and Larry and Eddie. Best friend to Bandit. Born in Winnipeg Mary, eventually called Swift Current, Willowdale, Richmond Hill, Welland, Kushog Lake and Minden home. She was an avid Euchre player, often attending Club 35. She loved to travel. Mary touched the lives of many people with her smile and caring and always maintained her sense of humour. She enjoyed visiting family and friends, loving many winters in Saskatchewan and summers on Kushog Lake. Mary's family would like to thank the staff at Hyland Crest for their wonderful care and attention in the last days of her life. A private service will be held to celebrate Mary's life. the family requests that any donations be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

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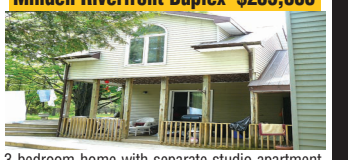
Great Value! $210,000



Wonderful family home with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, open concept living area, lovely kitchen, hardwood floors and full walkout basement awaiting your finishing touches!

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Affordable 2 bedroom home/cottage with an awesome view and convenient location, offering over 35 miles of boating on Haliburton's most prestigious 5-Lake chain.

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This spacious three bedroom, two bath bungalow is within walking distance to stores and restaurants. Great for first-time buyers, retirees or families. Priced to sell!

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Irondale River $359,500



3 bedroom riverfront home plus a 2 bedroom cottage! Many upgrades including a new kitchen. Attached garage and separate workshop.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Buller Road $49,900



Almost 10 acres of a mix of open space and treed lot. Excellent building site with view over neighbouring pond. Just 10 minutes to Minden. Driveway installed.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Country Setting $126,900



Lovely 2 bedroom home with den on 1+ acre lot. Many recent upgrades. Just minutes to ski hill, golf and a 3-lake chain.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Little Hawk Lake $329,000



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Waterfront Vacant Lots!



Drag Lake: $594' shoreline $329,900. Drag Lake 425' shoreline $289,900. Miskwabi Lake: 160' shoreline $219,900. Long Lake: 110' shoreline $109,900. Kennisis Lake, Paddy's Bay - 176' shoreline $179,900

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

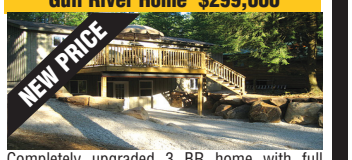
Hunter Creek Estates $89,900



Lovely, spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath home in Hunter Creek Estates (leased land). Features include paved drive, garage, new roof & flooring throughout.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Gull River Home $299,000



Completely upgraded 3 BR home with full basement and walk-out. Great swimming and boating to a 3 lake chain. Under 2 hours from GTA.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Just Listed $239,000



Beau[illegible] contemporary riverfront home on 3 a[illegible]eat location, 3 BR, 3 baths, den, private natural setting. Open concept, great room, hobby room and so much more!

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50

Beech Lake Viceroy $248,900



Best of both worlds year round! Enjoy SW exp. (sunsets) and sandy shoreline for swimming or boating. Great open concept 1300 sq. ft. 3 bdrm. Viceroy. Fantastic lot with short private path to your lakefront behind cottage. Safe for the kids!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Kushog Lake $419,000



Four Season 3 bedroom bright 1180 sq.ft, cottage features laundry, attached garage, forced-air electric furnace, air conditioning & wood heat. Large dock at the waterfront with deep water.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

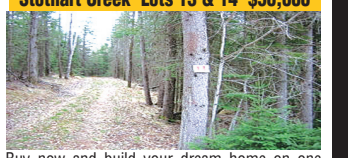
Little Hawk Lake $429,000



4 acres, 232' sand beach, yr round rd. Part of cottage is original round log, updated with laminate floor and some thermopane windows, propane and wood, 2 sheds and old log cabin included.

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Stothart Creek Lots 13 & 14 $50,000



Buy now and build your dream home on one of these beautifully treed lots in this upscale subdivision near Haliburton Village. Driveway in on 13; Corner lot on 14. Covenants apply. Price is for each and plus HST.

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

In Town Home $169,900



3 bedroom 1 bath home with many recent upgrades, large kitchen, hardwood floors, stone fireplace, sunset views over Grass lake, close to hospital, schools and town.

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Acreage With Trails $87,500



Very unique acreage with 135 acres of rolling land with ponds & plenty of wildlife. Driveway installed and a large open area for building has been cleared. Hydro is along the road.

Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27

Halls Lake $399,000



The open-concept main floor is ideal for entertaining. Many walkouts to large deck overlooking the lake. Also has pine cathedral ceiling, eat-in kitchen and main floor laundry.

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30

Pigeon Lake $279,000



Two separately deed waterfront lots totals 300 feet on Pigeon Lake. One features 4 BR summer cottage with 2 pce bath, lakefront boathouse and storage shed. Cottage is turn-key and ready to go.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

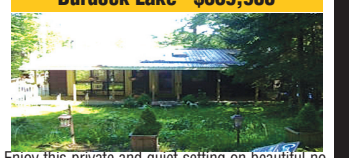
Pine Lake $399,000



Outstanding west facing level lot with a sand beach. Large open concept four season cottage features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large sunroom.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Burdock Lake $339,900



Enjoy this private and quiet setting on beautiful no motor Burdock Lake. Easy 4 season access on this well treed property. If not relaxing on the dock practice your putting on your own putting green.

Paul Szpik 457-2128 x 31

Grace Lake $437,000



Year round cottage/home, open concept, w/o to large deck, full finished rec room with w/o. 5 BR, 3 baths, detached garage with shop. All located on a flat sand lot. Excellent swimming, fishing and boating.

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